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Serial Nos. 1476

Part B for November 1905

SUBJECT.

Irregularities committed by the B & Venkatanarsiya, Vice Pres. of Damoje in the election of certain municipal cons.

Recd 13-12-05.

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Irregularities committed by Mr B S Venkatesaya Vice President of Davangere, in the execution of certain Municipal works

From the Secretary General and Revenue Department in Branch I No R 6054—L R 2-2 04 dated 11th January 1905
Forwards copy of his letter requesting the President of Municipalities, Chitaldrug District calling for a draft charge of irregularities committed by the Vice President of Davangere in connection with the Municipal works carried out by him during 1903-04 together with the records relating thereto

From the President of Municipalities, Chitaldrug District, No 72, dated 19th January 1905
Submits the draft list of irregularities touching points which call for the explanation of the Vice President Mr B S Venkatesaya called for in the above

From the President of Municipalities in the Chitaldrug District, No Camp 80, dated 23rd January 1905
Submits records connected with the construction of the box drain in Gowligarpet in the Davangere Municipality referred to in Serial No 2

From Mr B S Venkatesaya
Submits his explanation dated 26th May 1905 to the President's queries and requests that he may be granted special leave to which he may be entitled for having done plague duty from the date on which the three months privilege leave granted to him expired

To the President of Municipalities in the Chitaldrug District, No 11219 dated 7th June 1905
Forwards Mr Venkatesaya's explanation for the remarks of the President

From the President of Municipalities, Chitaldrug District, No 725, dated 28th June 1905
Submits the explanation of Mr B S Venkatesaya, Amildar with a memorandum of his own on the several points referred to in the explanation

To the Chief Engineer No 10 dated 3rd July 1905
Requests him to depute an officer of or above the rank of Sub Assistant Engineer to take measurements in the presence of Mr B S Venkatesaya, Amildar, of the work done in connection with the construction of a box drain in Gowligarpet of the Davangere Municipality and to intimate the date on which the officer whom he may depute for the purpose, will be at Davangere so that Mr Venkatesaya may be asked to be present there on the occasion

Endorsement to the President of Municipalities, Chitaldrug District memo No 11, dated 3rd July 1905
Forwards copy of the above

Endorsement to Mr Venkatesaya Amildar, No 12 dated 3rd July 1905
Forwards copy of the above

From the Chief Engineer No 4437 dated 7th July 1905
Forwards a copy of his letter No 4436 dated 7th instant, to the Superintending Engineer Western Circle asking him to depute Mr Ponnappa Assistant Engineer Honnali Range for the purpose and informs that Mr Ponnappa will proceed to Davangere on Monday the 17th instant.

To Mr Venkatesaya No 335 dated 10th July 1905
Informs him that Mr K Ponnappa, Assistant Engineer of the Honnali Range has been deputed to take measurements of the box drain at Gowligarpet in his presence on the 17th July 1905

To the President of Municipalities, Chitaldrug District, No 337 dated 10th July 1905
Forwards copy of Serial No 11 with the file of papers regarding the construction of the box drain

From the Chief Engineer No 4745 dated 18th July 1905
Informs that Mr Ponnappa will be at Davangere on 23rd July 1905 and commence measurements of the box drain on the next day

To the Amildar of Davangere (now at Bangalore) No 864 dated 20th July 1905
In continuation of this office No 335 dated 10th July 1905 Mr Venkatesaya is informed that Assistant Engineer will be at Davangere on Sunday the 23rd July 1905 and commence taking measurements of the box drain in Gowligarpet of the Davangere Municipality on the next day

Endorsement to the President of the Municipalities in the Chitaldrug District, No 835, dated 20th July 1905
Forwards a copy of the above

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From the President of Municipalities Chitaldrug District, No 59, dated 1st August 1905
Returns the records in connection with certain Municipal works in the Davangere Municipality

From the Chief Engineer No 5131 dated 4th August 1905
Forwards the report of Assistant Engineer Mr Ponnappa regarding the measurements taken by him of the box drain at Gowligarpet in the Davangere Municipality

From Mr B S Venkatesaya dated 31st July 1905
Remarks on the measurements taken by Mr Ponnappa [illegible] in question has been done properly and the amount paid [illegible] and prays for early orders in his case and for the [illegible] of pay from March 1903

To the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore [illegible] Chairman of the [illegible] Comptroller Presidents of Municipalities [illegible] Trust Board and [illegible] No 5731 35 dated [illegible]
[illegible] Mr Venkatesaya [illegible] Recovered from him

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FILE HEADING.

Irregularities committed by Mr P.S Venkatesanga, Vice-President of the Davangere Municipality, in the execution of certain municipal works

From

The Dy Commr & President of the Municipality in the Chitaldrug District

Camp No. 72 Dated 19 1 1905 Received 21 1 1905.

Diary No 4807	Enclos 7 (one set of records separately) Spare Copies	Serial No 2

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Forwards for approval a draft list of interrogatories touching the points which call for the explanation of Mr Venkatesanga in connection with the Municipal Works carried out by him as Vice-President of the Davangere Municipality during the year 1903-1904.

NOTES AND ORDERS

In this office letter No R 6054 (LR 287 04-5) of the 11th January 1905 the President was asked to submit all the records connected together with a draft charge of the irregularities committed by the Vice-President for its transmission to him for explanation (SL 1). The President now submits the draft charge for approval. Subd for orders.

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3	2 The President of Municipality in the Chittoor Distt. Submits with his letter Re Comp. 30 dated the 23rd January 1905 the records connected with the construction of the box-drain in Gudeyam-pet in the Dadampore Municipality referred to in Serial No 2.
	3 Submitted for orders
	HB 25/1/05
	4 Mr Venkatéswara's Explanation & the charge should be taken 26/1/1905
	5 Mr B Venkateswara, no - 8, 26.5.1905 submits his explanations to the President's queries and requests that he be granted special leave for the period admissible to him for having done 8 days duty from the date on which the 3 months' privilege leave granted to him expired.
	6 Submitted for orders ~~the same question has to be deliberately decided~~ ~~HB~~ ~~Sing~~ as to whether Mr Venkateswara's 26/1/1905 explanation may be sent to the Dr Commr for such remarks as he may wish to offer Mr Venkatesan is not entitled to Plague leave as per Pro No 73-112 & 17th July 1899 as modified by Govt

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Pro No 755-94 & 25th December 1899.

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Reply him accordg & send his Explanation to the President for remarks

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8 2 Drafts submitted for appl

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9 Drafts passed by the Asst Secy on 7 6 05

5 10 To the President of the Municipality on the Chebalaoong Distt — No 11219 & 7 6 05

Forwards the explanation of Mr Venkatesayya for his remarks

6 11 To Mr Venkatesayya - Chamarajanagar pet. Bangalore End No 11220 & 7 6 05

Informs him that he is not entitled to Plague leave

7 12 From the President of the Municipality on the Chebalaoong District No 725 & the 28 6 1905

13 Submits his remarks on the explanation of Mr Venkatesayya and suggests that the measurements of the box drawn in Gundlupet should

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now be tested again in Mr Venkatesayya's presence by some responsible Public Works Department Officer as desired by Mr Venkatesayya.

14 Submitted for orders as to whether the Chief Engineer may be requested to depute an Officer of & above the grade of a Sub asstt Engineer to take measurements of the work done in connection with the construction of box drain in Gowlegarpete, in the presence of Mr Venkatesayya late Amildar of Davangere who will be asked to be present on the occasion

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15 Draft put up

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8 17 To the Chief Engineer No 10 of the 3rd July 1905 Requests him to depute an officer of or above the grade of a Sub Asstt Engineer to take measurements in the presence of Mr Venkatesayya of the work done in connection with the construction of a box drain

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in Gowligarpet and report the fact to Govt.

18 Endorsement to the President, of the Municipalities, Bhitaldrug.

No 11 dt 3/7/05. Forwards copy of Sl. No 8 with the request that the President's marginal remarks on Mr Venkatacharya's explanation may also be submitted.

19 Endorsement to Mr Venkatacharya, Builder now at Bangalore

No 12 dt 3/7/05. Forwards copy of Sl. No 8.

9 20 From the Chief Engineer. No. 4487 dt 7/7/05.

Forwards copy of his letter No 4486 addressed to the Supdtg Engr, Western Division, requesting him to depute Asstt Engineer Mr K Ponnappa of the Hosnali range for taking the measurements of the work referred to in Sl. No 8.

21 The President's marginal remarks on Mr Venkatacharya's explanation has also been received & submitted separately

22 May Mr Venkatacharya be asked to go to Davangere in view to the measurements being taken in his presence.

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Subd Put up draft memo. at once

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23 Submd with draft
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24 Passed
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10 25 To Mr B S Venkatesayya, Amildar of Davangere, now at Bangalore
No 385 & 10 7 05
Informs him that Asst Engr. Mr K. Pommappa has been deputed to take measurements of the Box drain at Gowlegarpet in Mr Venkatesayya's presence on the 17th July 1905

11 26 From the Ch Engr No 4745 & 18 7 05
Informs that Mr Pommappa will be at Davangere on the 23.7 05 & ~~take~~ commence measurements of the box drain the next day

27 Memorandum informing Mr Venkatesayya & the President of the Municipality in the Chitaldroog Dist of the above fact is submd for appl
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12 29 To Mr B S Venkatesayya No 864 & 20 7 05
Informs him that Mr Pommappa will be at Davangere on the 23-7 1905
To the Pres. Municipality, Chitaldroog - No 865 & 20 7 05
Forwards copy of SC 12.

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13 36 From the President of the Municipality in the Coimbatore District No 598 4/8/05

Returns the records in connection with certain Municipal works in the Davangere Municipality

14 37 From the Chief Engineer No 5131 9 4 8 05

Forwards the Report of Mr Engr Mr Pannappa regarding the measurements taken by him of the Tank Drain in the Gowlegerpet in the Davangere Municipality.

15 32 From Mr B.S Venkatesayya

Remarks on the measurements taken by Mr Pannappa, states that the drain work in question ~~carried out by him~~ has been done properly & the amount paid to the Contractor is fair & prays for early orders in his case ~~as he has been without pay~~ & for the disbursement of his arrears of pay from March 1905

33. Called for orders with a statement shewing in juxtaposition the several charges framed against Mr Venkatesayya, his explanation & the President's remarks thereon.

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34 On the whole, the President seems to be satisfied with the Amildar's explanation.

35 Submitted for orders

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36 Submitted to the Commissioner for orders

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37 What about the vindication of Mr Venkatarao's character please. I have not been able to find any papers regarding it in this file. What action did the Amildar take in pursuance of Order No 6053 dt 11-9 January 1905 and with what result? The papers connected with the prosecution, if any, may be called for & kindly sent to me for reference. [illegible]

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38 Mr Venkatasanyya in pursuance of the order of the 11/1/1905,

and Revenue Secretariat

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Complaint against B Narasinga Rao the Editor of the Suryodaya Prakasika. The Editor presented to the court ~~an affi~~ his statement stating that the allegations against Sri Venkatesayya published in the Suryodaya-prakasika of the 9th November 1905 and in the subsequent issues were absolutely false and that he would tender an unqualified apology to the complainant, publish this in three consecutive issues of the paper & send those issues to the Government. Sri Venkatesayya consented to this. (His paper marked M

a prakasika 17th & 19th 1905 are also

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40 Some of the words in question were hurried through & therefore turned out somewhat indifferent. For this result, the Assistant (Vice President) is at least partly responsible.

41 Certain serious allegations were made against the Assistant

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in a newspaper. The departmental enquiry held in connection therewith having failed to lead to any conclusive results, the Amildar was by an order of Govt called upon to vindicate his character in a court of law. He institutes a prosecution accordingly against the Editor of the paper. But the latter having offered him an apology, he accepted the apology & dropped the prosecution saying he did not wish to be vindictive by prosecuting the case. The accused editor was thereupon acquitted by the Magistrate under section 345 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. This in no sense amounts to a vindication by the Amildar of his character. It was open to him to compound or not to compound the offence. By compounding he did not clear his character as desired. There was no question of vindictiveness in the case. As a public servant he had to prove that there was

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blemish on his character, & his only way of doing this was to have prosecuted the Editor & convicted & obtained a judicial pronouncement that he had been basely maligned. This he fails to do. The Govt direction thus remains unattended to. This is a strong circumstance against the Auditor. This is possible that in withdrawing the prosecution he believed he had sufficiently vindicated his character as required by Govt. As a matter of fact however he stands no higher now than he did before Govt. notification & when he was told to clear his character.

Of the charges formulated by the President, No. 1 relates to certain records which the Auditor reports as completed when in reality they were not. I do not consider the Auditor's explanation satisfactory. It is true that he showed unusual energy and activity, & that he was

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contain that the provision should not lapse at the end of the year. This however could not justify his obtaining money by making a report which was not strictly true. This is a serious matter which should be investigated. The same remark applies in a somewhat less degree to charge No 2 relating to the Urlam works reported to be nearing completion but which owing to certain unforeseen circumstances were not completed & fully paid for until several months after the close of the year. Charge No 3 (receiving a commission from contractor) has not been proved. No 4 relates to the bridge in Gawlighpetti of the Dancyore town. After giving the Amildar all the credit that is due to him in connection with this work, the fact remains that the work was done hastily & in a perfunctory manner, that the materials & measurements were not carefully examined & checked, and that the Assts Engineer's valuation of Rs 3496-14-0 is not

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illegal. To this may be added the cost of the additional work done under the President's orders and which the Apte Engineer does not seem to have taken into account. The excess payment if any must be made good by the Amildar who cannot be allowed to shift the responsibility on to his subordinates or the contractor. The Amildar has attempted a long explanation which however does not convince me that the Apte Engineer has in any way undervalued the work. Change-over relates to a certain minor matter on which the Amildar's explanation may be accepted as suggested by the President.

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42 Most of the works in question were hurried through, and therefore turned out somewhat indifferent. For this result, the Amildar (Vice President) is at least partly responsible.

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Submit to Secretary

There was another file connected with similar irregularities by Mr Venkatesa, in connection with a tunnel work at Davangere, on which the Dewan had called for some explanation. These papers may also be put up -

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45 The tunnel work refers to the Kistna Rao Cat Amildar. That file also is put up [illegible] 14-9-1905

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46 Charges No.I and No.II relate to the delay of a few months in payment of money to the Contractors in about ten cases. Flags Z and Y give the necessary particulars and these ten cases are marked in pencil. All these were incomplete works when the Deputy Commissioner issued the cheques, but he admittedly knew them to be incomplete. This extraordinary procedure was, however, adopted with a view to avoiding a lapse of the amount This action of the Deputy Commissioner is blameworthy, and mainly accounts for many of the subsequent difficulties The Amildar Mr. Venkatesaiya's energy in executing the works up to the end of June 1904 is well spoken of by the Deputy Commissioner. It is clear that the progress of the works greatly suffered by the plague that subsequently broke out in a severe form and continued for a few months The money drawn upon the cheques received had been deposited in the Imprest Box The Contractors have admitted that the delay in the execution of works was due to plague and to themselves. In these circumstances, I am unable to take such a serious view of the conduct of the Amildar as the First Councillor has taken No false report was submitted by him, and the delay in payments is proved to have been quite unexpected and unavoidable

47 The Amildar, however, had assured the Deputy Commissioner that the pending works would be pushed to completion before the middle of July and it was on that assurance that the last c

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adopted the irregular procedure already referred to. It was the Amildar's duty, therefore, to have brought the change of circumstances which made it impossible to fulfil his undertaking to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner in reasonable time. This he failed to do in spite of several reminders.

2. 48 I agree with the First Councillor in the opinion that charge No.3 is not proved.

3. 49 Charge No.4 relates to a box-drain constructed under the supervision of this Amildar. Assistant Engineer Mr. K. Ponnappa's examination of this work discloses the following irregularities -

(a) The structure is not of one uniform width of 1½ feet as sanctioned but of different widths.

(b) The foundation for the walls is about 9 inches in the first 200 feet, but for the remaining length, viz., 1278 ft. there is no foundation whatever, the walls having been built from the flooring slab bottom level.

(c) The masonry is of indifferent work. The stones are loose and are not properly set with mortar and "no attempt seems to have been made to wedge in chips to avoid thick beds and joints and to avoid hollow spaces between the stones and no through or bond stones are used to make the whole work one solid mass". The rate of 2 as. 9 pies per cubic foot actually allowed is excessively

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high, the fair rate being 2¼ as. per cubic foot.

50 These irregularities are serious with reference to which no satisfactory explanation has been offered by the Amildar. He admits that his supervision over and checking of these works were superficial. But considering the importance and difficulty of the work, there can be no doubt that the Amildar should have devoted his personal attention to it, and not have allowed himself to be guided by the Municipal Overseer and the Work Inspector as admitted by him.

4. 51 Charge No.5 relates to certain lump sum payments made by the Amildar. I agree that the Amildar's explanation on this point may be accepted.

5. 52 Besides dwelling on these five specific charges, the First Councillor has observed that the Amildar has not vindicated his character in a Court of Law as required by the Government by reason of having compromised the criminal case of defamation instituted by him against the Editor of the Suryodaya. The Amildar should have reported the offer to compromise to the Government for sanction. But it must be noted that the compromise is based upon the unqualified withdrawal by the Editor of all the defamatory statements published in his paper. I

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do not know if a man's character can be vindicated only by conviction. A formal withdrawal of the defamatory statements and its publication in the Newspaper concerned necessarily remove the slur implied by such statements. But such withdrawal must be above suspicion and not the result of a collusion between the prosecutor and the accused. In this case, there are no reasons for suspecting the bona fide nature of the compromise permitted by law. Hence I would not take such a serious view of the matter as the First Councillor is disposed to do.

53 As regards the punishment of the Amildar, only two charges appear to deserve consideration, viz.,

(i) The Amildar's failure to give a reply to the several reminders of the Deputy Commissioner and to acquaint him in reasonable time with the difficulties which precluded the execution of the works as stipulated

(ii) The unsatisfactory execution of the box-drain work due in a great measure to the Amildar's superficial check

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55 Both all defence, I am still of the humble opinion that the Amildar has not "vindicated his

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character" in the sense in which I understand the expression. As observed by the Dewan, the Amildar should at least have obtained the permission of Govt before accepting the Editor's apology & compounding the offence. We are in no better position to judge of his character now than we were in when we required him to clear his character. However, as there is no satisfactory evidence in proof of the several damaging statements made against him in the newspaper, I am quite willing that in passing orders on the case, those statements should be left out of consideration.

56 In regard to the rooms reported as completed or nearing completion while as a matter of fact they were far from being so, the Amildar's conduct was highly reprehensible though it must be admitted that there

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were certain extenuating circumstances in his favor. This and the two charges mentioned in the Dewan's note, are all that Govt have to take no tice of. The Amildar must be called upon to make good the loss ~~caused~~ due to the indifferent work in question. He cannot further be safely retained to a Taluk charge. I am agreeable to such a punishment as the Dewan might deem suitable

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57 ad agree with the Government in holding the Commissioner responsible for omitting to report to the Government, in spite of repeated reminders, the reason for not completing the work within the time prescribed by them. It seems on this account the Government were induced to make payments contrary to standing orders.

The fact remains that the construction of the Kondadaim is a more serious charge against Mr. Venkatachalam. It creates a doubt whether the sanctioned amount was spent on the work. I am, in my humble opinion, of the opinion, it cannot be regarded as punishment.

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If he is made to pay for refunding it, he was in this instance charged heavily to be without merit to hold any responsible post.

58 As regards the conversation alleged to have taken place with the Editor at the Swarajya, we are led to the irresistible conclusion that Mr Vinto attempted to use a lady, interested in the position, to act directly to induce or induce the Editor and he had no choice but to obey, the order instead of doing so he, taken into a lunatic the responsibility of withdrawing, if from the prosecution on the ground that the accused offered an apology.

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of the Criminal Prosecution
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on them, may, I venture
to suggest, be directed
on the Council meeting
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and published throughout the country. The step taken by him without Govt. approval leaves ample room for doubting that he was not confident of the successful result of the Criminal Prosecution. Instead of ought to be the nature of punishment that should be inflicted on him may, I beg to suggest, be decided in the Council meeting to-morrow.

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23/10/05 3 P.M.

59 Extract from the Proceedings of the 117th Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja held at Mysore on the 23rd October 1905.

I. Subject--(Clause V of the Schedule)

Accusation against Mr B S enkatesiya, Amildar of Davangere, of having received bribes and of having committed certain irregularities in the execution of some municipal works of the Davangere Municipality

Opinions of the Dewan and Councillors

1 He has laid himself open to s s ic or in allowing the case against the newspaper c co ronised without obtaining the authorit of cv t

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the several reminders of the Deputy Commissioner.

6. As nothing more serious than a highly unsatisfactory conduct has been proved against Venkatesiya, it is thought proper to restore him to his appointment as Amildar, but he will be placed below Mr. M. Krishna Rao, and his absence after the expiry of his privilege leave treated as leave to which he may be entitled under the Civil Service Regulations.

Sd/- P.N. Krishna Murti,
Dewan of Mysore.

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60 Submitted to His Highness.

Certain serious accusations having appeared against Mr. B.S. Venkatesiya, Amildar of Davangere, in one of the Kanarese Newspapers "Suryodaya", dated 9th November 1904, that he received bribes &c., a departmental enquiry was instituted. But the enquiry not having lead to any conclusive results, the Amildar was directed to vindicate his character in a Court of Law.

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61 Accordingly, the Amildar instituted a prosecution against the Editor in the Court of the City Magistrate of Bangalore. The Editor having, however, offered to publish an unqualified apology, the Amildar accepted the same and allowed the prosecution to be dropped.

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62 Besides the aforesaid accusations, it was elicited in the course of the departmental enquiry, that the Amildar was guilty of grave irregularities in the execution of certain municipal works as Vice President of the Davangere

Municipality. The charges framed against the Amildar under this head, his explanation and the remarks of the Deputy Commissioner are all fully embodied in the statement appended hereto.

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63 Briefly, these charges are as follows -

Charges Nos. 1 & 2 - Relate to certain works which the Amildar reported as completed, when they were not, and to delay in payment of money to the contractors,

3 - Relates to the levy of an illegal commission from one of the municipal contractors,

4 - Relates to unsatisfactory work in connection with a box-drain in Davangere,

and, 5 - Relates to some payments made without recording details as to how the said lump-sums were arrived at.

64 These charges have been fully gone into and my note of the 17th instant explains the conclusions arrived at regarding each of them.

65 As regards the two first charges, both the Deputy Commissioner and the Amildar are equally blameworthy in issuing cheques for works which

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had not been completed The Amildar did exert his best to complete the works before the close of the official year, as promised by him, but the progress seems to have suffered mainly by the subsequent advent of plague The Amildar should, however, have brought this change of circumstances to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner in reasonable time He has failed to do so in spite of repeated reminders

66 There is nothing to substantiate charge No 3, which relates to the [illegible] of an illegal commission from one of the municipal contractors

67 As regards charge No 4 relating to the box-drain work carried out under the supervision of the Amildar, the Sub-Assistant Engineer [illegible] not only [illegible] the work [illegible] relating it, but also [illegible] was indifferent [illegible] the Amildar [illegible] that his supervision over the municipal and that he allowed himself to be [illegible] the Municipal Overseer and the Work Inspector [illegible]

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is no doubt that the work was done hastily and in a perfunctory manner, for which the Amildar is primarily responsible. The valuation of the work as given by the Assistant Engineer but at two annas and nine pies per cubic foot, may be accepted and paid for, an excess, if paid, being recovered from the Amildar

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58 As regards charge No 5, which relates to lump-sum payments amounting to -179, the Amildar's explanation that he satisfied himself before making such payments that all the items of works for which the vouchers made, were duly executed, may be accepted

59 Besides the specific charges above referred to, the Amildar has not indicated his character in a form of [illegible] Government, inasmuch as [illegible] comprised the criminal case of [illegible] obtaining a judicial pronouncement [illegible] the Amildar could have obtained the [illegible] before accepting the apology, but for the reason stated in my note of the 17th October, I do not see any grounds for viewing the compromise as

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collusive. The Amildar has, however, laid himself open to suspicion in effecting the same without authority.

78 The question of his punishment was fully considered in the Council. No such offence as would incapacitate him from holding a Taluk charge has been established against him. At the same time, his neglect of the various calls for information received from his superior officer from time to time, his failure to realize the necessity of keeping the Deputy Commissioner informed of the progress of works, and his very unsatisfactory conduct with reference to the box-drain, do call for some punishment. The Council is of opinion that he may be placed below Mr. M. Krishna Rao and made to go down 5 places, and that his absence, after the expiry of the privilege leave, may be treated as one on such leave as to which he may be entitled under the Service Regulations.

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71 Record of Case submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject.

Accusations against Mr.B.Venkatesiah, Amildar, and the punishment recommended for him.

Order.

72 Approved

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73 Submit draft order - verbally

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No. R 6054 / D 4559 / L.R 282-04-5 — 11th Jan 1905

From

B.R. Venkata Varada Iyengar, Esqr.,

Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Genl. and Rev Dept.

To

The President of the Municipalities in the Chitaldrug District.

Dated Bangalore, the 15th January 1905

General and Rev Secretariat.

Sir,

With reference to the enquiry made by you regarding the Vice-President of Devangere having drawn certain sums for works not completed within the year referred to and then completed them, I have the honor to request you to be good enough to submit all the records connected therewith together with a draft charge of the irregularities committed by the Vice-President for its transmission to him for explanation. The charge should clearly set out the irregularities and the points for explanation.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) B K Kuladaswami Esqr

Secretary.

Copy forwarded to the Board for information as per order of the Registrar

11/1/05

Reply 1904/905-
LR 282 of 1904-5
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From

Secy. to the Govt. of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev Depts.

To The President of the Municipality in the Chitaldroog Dist

Dated
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ENCLOSURE No

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FROM H Ramaiyangar Esq
Deputy Commissioner
& President of Municipalities
Chitaldrug District

To
P K Venkatakrishnaiyar Esq
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
General & Revenue Departments
Bangalore

Dated 19th
Despatched
Received
January 1905

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~~General~~ No 72
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Enclosure No 7 (Recorded separately under a registered cover)

Submitting a draft Charge of the irregularities committed by the Vice President, Davangere regarding incomplete work &c

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Enq. No 72
File 7

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Municipal President's Office,
Chitaldrug District
Dated Camp Honnali 19th January 1905

From

H Ramanuja Iyengar Esqr
President of Municipalities
Chitaldrug District

To

B K Venkataravadiengar Esqr
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments
Bangalore

Sir,

As requested in your letter No $\frac{6054}{LR\ 252-04-5}$ dated 11th Instant I have the honor to forward for approval a draft list of interrogatories touching points which call for the Explanation of Mr Venkatavaraya in connection with the municipal works carried out by him as the President of the Davanagere Municipality during the year 1903-04 together with the records relating thereto as per phenoch

2 The vernacular records connected with the construction of the bot drain in Goulgarpet at Davanagere have been called for from the Assistant Commissioner, Davanagere Range, with whom they are pending and will be forwarded in due course

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

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President

rdement		with the	...ching V drain in Kazipet	775	
			— in the lane joining Halipet and Kuratoraddi	467	4
			— in front of Mutchavareah Math	29	
			Total	3287	15
g Contractor					
			...ching Collector house	2176	12
			— V drain in the road from Santepet to Goods Shed road	266	12
			box drain in Gowligarpet	3951	5
			V drain in — do —	1245	
			Total	7639	14
			...ching V drain in Pallulu Murugappa's Garden	1052	14
			...ing Tambatipet road	68	14
			Total	1121	12
			...ching V drain in Chamandeem Gali	523	
			— do — behind Amaravati Govindappa's house	117	5
			Total	640	5
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			Grand Total	15489	8

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Inspection report of the District Sub-Overseer on works Executed in the Davanagere Municipality upto the End of June 1904

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ubmitted to the Deputy
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I have inspected all these
s on the 6th, 7th and 8th Instant
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The works were inspected as per personal orders of the Deputy Commissioner in Company with Work Inspector Shamanna and Municipal Overseer Sanjeeva Rao who supervised and measured the works The accompanying list shows the works sanctioned and Executed during the year and the seven books contain the measurements of all the works with the result of my Check measurements noted against Each in red ink

The 11 works marked A in the list in red ink Consist of opening new roads, and widening and improving those already opened None of the measurements of these works could

could now be checked but it should be pointed out that lumpsum payment exceeding Rs 5/- has been made without furnishing details as to how the lumpsum paid has been arrived at This is highly objectionable

The 3 works marked B show the roads that received a recoat of gravel but their measurements cannot now be checked as the quantity collected has already been expended but the material has not been properly formed and the road brought to a nice barrel shape with a transverse gradient of 1 in 24 It is very flat at present and does not appear to have received a good recoat of material

The works marked C 21 in number show the roads that were provided with V shaped drains The total length entered in the measurement book

Remarks of the Accountant

There are 11 such items in all to only Rs 179 and are all dismantling dilapidated buildings or walls to each compartment by itself, and which the overseer explains and not permit of taking accurate measurements It is, however, an irregularity which he has been warned against repetition

Remarks of the Deputy Commissioner

I agree

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Remarks of the Deputy Commissioner

Due to the absence of efficient supervision

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Remarks of the assistant Commissioner

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(Initialled) H R

ks of the assistant Commissioner

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to re-set them properly while
up the roads, but the thinness
labs cannot now be avoided

ks of the Deputy Commissioner

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ecuring the stones all the way
Hutchangedurga in the Hara-
abalu Taluk - a distance of
t 16 miles across difficult
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book agrees with the work executed but the details differ from the book in places The breadth of some of the slabs is incorrect and the thickness is less than an inch No dressing has been done and the fitting and pointing is most unsatisfactory No proper backing is provided for the vertical slab and the formation of the drain is not good The Earth obtained from the Excavation of the foundation should have been made use of for this work and the slabs firmly fixed They are very shaky at present and some of them show signs of collapse No attention has been paid to proper gradient and the drain does not therefore serve the purpose

The worked D in the Con-
-struction of Police House

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The measurements are correct and the quality of the work also appears to be satisfactory Iron Railings are provided to the Verandah to get more accommodation This item of work is not provided for in the sanctioned Estimate but it was executed with the permission of the Deputy Commissioner and the Excess over the sanctioned provision met from Savings of the other items

Remarks of the Deputy Commissioner This is one of the big works during the year costing Rs 2
(Initialled) H R

The work marked E is the construction of a lot drain in Goulgarpet. The length of the drain constructed is 20 ft more than paid for but the breadth and height are very inaccurate and the quality of the work most inferior and does not deserve the name masonry the rate paid for it is therefore extremely high

Remarks of the assistant Com
* This is an Excess work done another contractor and necessitated by the dropping nature of the the termination of the drain The claims payments for the work which has to be separately billed and
Remarks of the Deputy Commissioner
Yes
(Initialled) HR

The Estimate was prepared

in the P W D with a specification appended to it but the work done is not in conformity with it The full rates sanctioned have however been paid without any regard either to the Specification for the quality of work actually Executed

The defects I found are the following –

I The Earth obtained from the Excavation of foundation for the box and V drains 983 C yards has not been used for forming the surface of the road and bringing the same to a good barrel shape so that the water from the road surface may Easily find its way to the side drains Besides the quantity of Earth noted above 340 C yards of gravel has been collected and spread as per provision under a separate Estimate

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In all 1323 C yds of material is shown to have been spread on a road only 476 yards in length but the surface has not been improved to any perceptible Extent It is quite flat at present and the V drain is higher than the road surface

II Split stone in Chunam with 1/5 bond stones

Side walls of the drain have not been built with good sized stones with 1/5 bond stones as per Estimate but only the inner face is built with such stones The outer side is filled up with stones of all sizes and jelly The breadth of the wall varies from 1 to 1 1/2 feet and the height is only 3 feet while the Estimate and the measurement book show an uniform breadth of 1 1/2 feet and height of 3 3/4 feet No attention has been paid to the bond Bond Stones 1/5 as per

Remarks of the assistant Engineer

Can and will be mended

Remarks of the assistant Engineer

I have had to dismantle a several places to get the Contractor admit his having neither used bond stones nor provided any foundation and to find that the thickness of the walls vary from even 9 inches in a few places to 18 in the most Elsewhere The drain is only 3 feet deep throughout and 2 in depth above, the Contractor has received an Excess payment for 3/4 x 1 1/2 x 1458 x 2 or about Rs 563-12 at 0-2-9

Taking the thickness of the wall at an average of 1 1/4 ft, he would have received excess payment for the item for 1/4 x 1458 x 3 3/4 x 2 or Rs 410 at 0-2-9 In all the Contractor has

Rs 1085-12-0 more than work turned out by them, however, is also inferior as D. E. these notes

per Estimate have not been used and the Contractor admits that he has not used them

III The slabs used for the sill of the drain are not of the thickness paid for and are not at all dressed and closely fitted Some of the slabs are less than Even an inch while the payment has been made for slabs of 2½ to 3" in thickness The work does not therefore deserve the rate paid for it

Note of the assistant Commissioner these have to be replaced

IV Covering slabs used are not of the thickness paid for and are not dressed. Some of them are only 3 inches while the rate paid for is for slabs of 5 and 6" in thickness

Note of the Assistant Commissioner retaining wall has to be

V The drain has been abruptly stopped at the bank of a deep halla where there is a drop of 3 feet It has already undermined a portion of the drains

"The measurements are taken by Work Inspector Shamanna and Municipal Overseer Sanjeeva Rao and Entered in the measurement books in their own hand writing The measurements have been Checked by Mr B S Venkatesanna, Amildar, with a remark "Checked" and Contain his initials and Signature

(Sd) S D Krishna Rao
Retired Sub Overseer

Submitted to the Assistant Commissioner Davanagere, Division for kind transmission to the Deputy Commissioner with his opinion on

(Sd) S D Krishna Rao
Davanagere, Retired Sub Overseer

Remarks of the assistant Commr

I shall deal with these departmentally separately

(Sd) C Sankaraswami
Assistant
Davanagere
9 January 1905 } Davanagere

Remarks — D Com

This is by far the most costly of works carried out this year no less than Rs 3951/- The noted are serious and call Explanation from Mr B S who is now doing duty in the S The Contractor has duly Executed muchalika by which he is to make good any defects in work

(Initialled) H R

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H R Nicholson
Deputy Commissioner
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Draft list of interrogatories to be answered by Mr B S Venkatesiah in respect of the municipal works carried out by him as Vice President of the Davanagere Municipality, during the year 1903-04

(1) Please read the appended list of works reported Completed marked I and state when they were actually completed

If they were completed by the date of your several reports, applying for further extensions, then such Contractors in making payment to the contractors in short in the same state and in full as they found it to the President upon the receipt of the Secretary's certificate would be open to a penalty

(2) Please read the appended statement of incomplete work marked II and state if they not completed when

No	and date of order
73	19 7 04
85	21 7 "
97	23 7 4
136	27 7 04
254	20 8 04
264	31 8 "
212	4 7 04
336	14 9 04
419	6 10 04
D O	2 11 04

mentioned in your reports applying for funds and why was there such long delay in making payments to the Contractors as shown in the said statement and in furnishing vouchers to the President's Office in the face of the several reminders issued to you as per margin

Number and date of order	
73	19 7 04
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(3) Please read appended copy of statement given by Gurappa, one of the municipal Contractors, on the 9th Instant. He is shown to have been paid the following sums for municipal works carried out by him and he alleges that you levied from him an illegal Commission of Rs 100/- when you made him the first of those payments and of Rs 50/- at the second payment. What have you to say in regard to these Charges.

14th May 1904	Rs 1367-3-3
28th May 1904	353-14-6
8th July 1904	1516-13-6
	Total Rs 3287-15-3

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(4) Please read the appended report of the District Sub-Overseer containing the results of the check measurements of the municipal works taken by him as directed by the President you are shown therein to have passed incorrect measurements of works taken by the Municipal Overseer and Work Inspector and made an Excess payment of Rs 1035-12-0 to the Contractor Madivalappa who constructed the box drain in Gowligarpet. What is your Explanation on these Charges

(5) What is your Explanation of the other irregularities brought to notice by the District Sub-Overseer and referred to below -

I Lumpsum payments Exceeding Rs 5/- in Each case amounting to Rs 179/- in 11 Cases in all have been made without recording details as to how

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II Defects in the works

marked B showing the roads

that received a recoat of gravel

III Defects in the works

marked C showing the roads

that were provided with V shaped

drains

F. A. Allenbrump

President of the Municipality

Chevaldrey District

I Statement showing

Name of Work	Amount replaced Number	Remarks.
ming a lane to the north of Hakepet	281	
	363	not paid Compensation Rs 75/- not paid subsequently acquired
dening Chitragarkere	277	
aening the road from Trekappa's all upto Harapanahalli road	361	
aening Kumbarkere	362	
structing V drain in Chitragarkere	344	
dening the road from Gadigarpet Harapanahalli road	278	before the bite was passed
dening Anekondapetta road	288	ation
	365	
ming a lane to the South of Hakepetta	373	lemolition
structing V drain from Kuleha-nahalli to Harapanahalli road	370	
ening a lane behind	280	
nathappa's house	374	
structing V drain in the Anekondapetta road	372	
structing V drain in Turgarkere road	295	
structing V drain in Hasargere	297	
Do in Sultanpet	298	
	350	
Do - in the lane joining Doddapet and Sultanpet	296	
Do in Devangadapet	294	
Do in Anappalakere	299	
lending - Do	300	
structing V drain in the ane joining Davalpet and Anappalakere	349	
Do in Hazpet	346	

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I Statement showing Cheques issued on [illegible]

Serial Number	Name of Work	Amildar's report		Amount of Cheques issued			Number and Date of Cheque		Date which amou was pa
		Number	Date						
1	Opening a lane to the north of Halepet	281	8 4 04	166	9	10	62	26 4 04	10 5 [illegible]
		363	28-6 04	18	5	4	18	29 6 04	16 5 [illegible] 17 5 [illegible]
2	Widening Chikkagarkere	277	8 4 04	45	2	6	62	26 4 04	10 5 04 20 5 [illegible]
3	Repairing the road from Irekappa's matt upto Hanapanahalli road	361	28 6 04	8			18	29-6-04	9 7 04
4	Repairing Kumbarkere	362	28 6 04	65			18	29 6 04	8 7 [illegible]
5	Constructing V drain on Chikkagarkere	344	21 6 04	119	11	6	9	27 6 04	8 7
6	Widening the road from Gopiganpet to Harapanahalli road	278	8 4 04	448	11	4	18	29 6 04	6 4 04 8 7 04 20 11 04
7	Widening Anekondapetta road	288	18 4 04	511			66	5 5 04	28 5 04 28 6 04
		365	28 6 04	24			18	29 6 04	8 7 04
8	Opening a lane to the South of Halepetta	373	28 6 04	202			18	29 6 04	3 7 04 12 7 04 15 7 04
9	Constructing V drain from Bukha-Veerabhadrappa to Harapanahalli road	370	28 6 04	323			20	30 6 04	8 7 04
10	Opening a lane behind Krishnappa's house	280	8 4 04	308			62	26 4 04	8 7 04 18 5 04 28 6 04 8 7 04
		374	28 6 04	14	1		18	29 6 04	
11	Constructing V drain on the Anekondapetta road	372	28 6 04	430	11	6	20	30 6 04	19 7 04
12	Constructing V drain on Purgarten road	295	19 4 04	216			66	5 5 04	14 5 [illegible]
13	Constructing V drain on Hasargkere	297	19 4 04	186	3		66	5 5 04	14 5 [illegible]
14	— Do — on Sultanpet	298	19 4 04	393	14	3	66	5 5 04	14 5 [illegible]
		350	21 6 04	182	10	9	9	26 6 04	4 7 [illegible]
15	— Do — on the lane joining Doddapet and Sultanpet	296	19 4 04	189			66	5 5 04	14 5 [illegible]
16	— Do — on Devangadapet	294	19 4 04	382	2		66	5 5 04	14 5 [illegible]
17	— Do — on Aneppalakere	299	20 4 04	306			75	18 5 04	29 5 [illegible]
18	Extending — Do —	300	21 4 04	47	14	6	75	18 6 04	29 5 [illegible]
19	Constructing V drain on the lane joining Devalpet and Aneppalakere	349	21 6 04	112	14	9	9	26 6 04	8 7 [illegible]
20	— Do — on Hayapet	346	21 6 04	775			9	26 6 04	8 [illegible]

nted Completion

Date of despatch of the Voucher to the Bilbrist office	Remarks
12-6-04	
12 6 04	Rs 18-5-6 for working Charges not paid Compensation Rs 75/- not paid. * Paid out of imprest and subsequently adjusted
2-8-04	
2 8 04	
2 8 04	
2 8-04 12 11 06 (4-00)	Paid Rs 400 out of imprest before the bill was passed
12 6 04 2 8 04 2 8 04	Rs 6/- undrawn Compensation
2 8-04	Rs 42/- undrawn Compensation
2 8 04	
2-8 04 12 6 04	
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12 6 04	
12 6 04 2 8 04 12 6-04	
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2 8 04	
2 8 04	

II Statement showing Cheques issued on account of Pub.

Serial Number	Name of Work	Amildar's report		Purport of the Report
		Number	Date	
1	Repairing Tambak Petta Road	368	27 6 04	Will be completed by 10th July 1904
2	Constructing V drain in Solampet	359	27 6 04	— Do —
3	Raising the level of a portion of a road near Virupakshappa's Chaltram	366	28 6 04	— Do —
4	Constructing V drain in Gowligan petta Road	375	28 6 04	Will be completed by 10th or 12th July 1904
5	Constructing V drain in Halekotwal Ken	378	29 6 04	— Do — by the 10th or 15th
6	Constructing V drain in the Chamundeen Gath	379	29 6 04	— Do — by the 10th
7	— Do — behind Amaravati Gowdappa's house	380	29 6 04	— Do —
				Total

orks (municipal)

Amount drawn			Cheque		Date on which the amount was paid to the party	Date of receipt of the voucher in the District office	
			Number	Date			
68	14	4	19	29 6 04	11 11 04	14 11 04	(1)
271	14	6	19	29 6 04	11 11 04	14 11 04	(2)
86	3	3	19	29 6 04	23 7 04	15 8 04	
246		-	20	30 6 04	3 9 04	15 10 04	(3)
19	8	9	19	29 6 04	13 8 04	15 10 04	(4)
23			19	29 6 04	11 11 04	14 11 04	(5)
17	5	9	19	29 6 04	11 11 04	14 11 04	(6)
31	14	7					

Deputy Commissioner
Tuticorin District

	Constructing V drain in the lane joining Hallapet and Karuthattai	368	21 6 04	467	4		9	26 6 04	8 [illegible]
22	-Do- in front of Muthaveerah matt	347	21 6 04	29			9	26 6 04	[illegible] 7 [illegible]
23	Constructing Ochra Lane	357	27 6 04	2176	12	3	19	29 6 04	12 7 [illegible]
24	Constructing V drain in the road joining Santapet and Goods Shed road	360	27 6 04	266	12		18	29 6 04	12 7 [illegible]
25	-Do- Box drain in Gowligarpet	356	27 6 04	3951	5	9	20	30 6 04	3 9 04
26	-Do- V drain in Bellulu Muniappah lane	368	28 6 04	1052	14	2	20	30 6 04	23 7 04
27	Opening a lane from Gowligarpet to Karapana Kathi road	371	28 6 04	177			20	30 6 04	12 7 04
28	Opening a lane from Anekondapet joining the last road in the north	279	8 4 04	201			62	26 4 04	17 6 04 [illegible] 11 11 04
		364	28 6 04	16	2		18	29 6 04	23 7 04
29	Constructing V drain in Davalpet	376	28 6 04	759	7	5	18	29 6 04	11 7 04 11 11 04
30	Opening the lane between Karipet and Mayana-Bedarkere	377	28 6 04	206			18	29 6 04	10 11 04
31	Compensation for the houses that came across the Goods Shed road	287	18 4 04	338			66	5 5 04	20 8 04 10 11 04
			Total	15117	9	10			

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2 The 11 Works mentioned in the list in red ink consist of opening new roads and widening and improving

that

already opened. None of the measurements of these works could now be checked but it should be pointed out that lumpsum payment exceeding Rs 5/ has been made without furnishing the details as to how the lumpsum paid has been arrived at. This is highly objectionable

3 The 3 works marked B show the roads that received a recoat of gravel but their measurements cannot now be checked as the quantity collected has already been expended but the material has not been properly formed and the road brought to a nice barrel shape with a transverse gradient of 1 in 24. It is very flat at present and does not appear to have received a good recoat of material

4 The works marked C2 in number show the roads that

that were provided with V shaped drains. The total length entered in the measurement book agrees with the work executed but the details differ from the book in places. The breadth of some of the slabs is incorrect and the thickness is less than an inch. No dressing has been done and the fitting and pointing is most unsatis-
-factory. No proper backing is provided for the vertical slab and the formation of the drain is not good. The earth obtained from the excavation of the foundation should have been made use of for this work and the slabs firmly fixed. They are very shaky at present and some of them show signs of collapse. No attention has been paid to

proper

proper gradient and the drain does not therefore serve the purpose

5 The work marked D is the Construction of Office House The measurements are correct and the quality of work also appears to be satisfactory Iron Railings are provided to the Verandah to get more accommodation This item of work is not provided for in the sanctioned Estimate but it was Executed with the permission of the Deputy Commissioner and the Excess over the sanctioned provision met from Savings of the other items

6 The work marked E is the Construction of a box drain in Gowligarpet The length of the drain constructed is 20 feet more than paid for

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but the breadth and height are very inaccurate and the quality of the work most inferior and does not deserve the name masonry The rate paid for it is therefore extremely high

7 The Estimate was prepared in the P W D with a specification appended to it but the work done is not in conformity with it The full rates sanctioned have however been paid without any regard either to the specification for the quality of work actually executed

8 The defects found are the following -

I The earth obtained from the excavation of foundation for the Lox and Vitrum 783 C yards has not been used for forming the slope of the road and hence the work of good barrel shape

the water from the road surface may easily find its way to the side drains Besides the quantity of Earth noted above 340 C yards of gravel has been collected and spread as per provision under a separate Estimate In all 1323 C yards of material is shown to have been spread on a road only 476 yards in length but the surface has not been improved to any perceptible Extent It is quite flat at present and the V drain is higher than the road Surface

II Split stone in Chunam with 1/5 bond stones

Side walls of the drain have not been built with good sized stones with 1/5 bond stones as per Estimate but only the inner face is built with such stones The outer side is filled up with stones of all sizes and jelly The breadth of the

wall

wall varies from 1 to 1½ feet and the height is only 3 feet while the Estimate and the measurement book show an uniform breadth of 1½ feet and height of 3¾ feet No attention has been paid to the bond Bond stones ⅕ as per Estimate have not been used and the contractor admits that he has not used them

III The slabs used for the sill of the drain are not of the thickness paid for and are not at all dressed and clearly fitted Some of the slabs are less than one inch while the payment has been made for slabs of 2½ to 3" in thickness The work does not therefore deserve the rate paid for it

IV Covering slabs used are not of the thickness paid for and are not dressed Some of them are only 3 inches while

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the rate paid for so for slabs
of 5 and 6" in thickness

V The drain has been abruptly
stopped at the bank of a deep
halla where there is a drop of
30 feet It has already undermined
a portion of the drains

9 The measurements are
taken by work Inspector
Shamanna and Municipal
Overseer Sanjeeva Rao and
Entered in the measurement
books in their own hand writing
The measurements have been
Checked by Mr B S Venkatesaya,
Amildar with a remark
"Checked" and contain his
initials and signature

(Sd) S D Krishna Rao
District Sub-Overseer

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Deputy Commissioner

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(Sd) S D Krishnaiah
Actd Sub-Overseer

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Deputy Commissioner
Chikkadevaraja Delhi

No	Name of Contractor	Serial No of Works	Name of Works	Amount paid
1	Bangalore Mohadeen Khan	A1	Opening a road to the north of Halepet	184
		A2	Widening Chikagarkere	45
		B3	Gravelling road from Irukappanagalli to Harapanahalli road	8
		B4	Repairing Kurubarakere	66
		C5	Constructing V drain in Chikagarkere	119
		A6	Widening Chamandeen galli	44
		A7	— Do — Anekondapet	24
		A8	— Do — to the South of Halepet	202
		C9	Constructing V drain in road from Hirehanumanahalli's galli to Harapanahalli road	323
		A10	Opening a lane behind Hanumakappa's house	322
		C11	Constructing V drain in Anekondapet	430
		C12	— Do — in Halekotwalkere	319
		C13	— Do — in Solampet	271
		C14	— Do — in Davalpet	40
	Neelagunda Gurappa	C15	Constructing V drain Punarkere	216
		C16	Constructing V drain in Hasaykere	186
		C17	— Do — in Sultanpet	576
		C18	In the lane from Doddapet to Sultanpet	100

		A 20	Constructing V drain in Anappalakere	306		
		C 21	Widening — do —	47	14	6
		C 22	V drain in the lanes joining Anappalakere and Davalpet	112	16	9
		C 23	Constructing V drain in Hazepet	775		
		C 24	— do — in the lanes joining Halepet and Kurubarlane	467	4	
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3	Madagunda	D 25	Octroi House	2176	12	3
	Madivalappa	C 26	Constructing V drain in the road joining Sandepet and Good Shed	266	12	
		E 27	Box drain in Gowligarpet	3951	5	9
		C 28	V drain in — do —	1245		
4	Ameera	C 29	V drain in Bellula Murugappa's galli	1052	14	2
	Shamanna	B 30	Repairing Tambakupet	68	14	4
5	Faker Sab	A 31	Opening a lane to connect Gowligarpet and Harapana-halli road	177		
		A 32	Widening Anekondapet	511		
		A 33	Opening a lane from above to join last road in the north	217	2	
		A 34	Filling road near Virupakshappa's Chatram	86	8	3
		C 35	Constructing V drain in Davalpet	739	7	5
6	Ramalingappa and Adwappa	C 36	Constructing V drain in Chamandeen Galli	523		

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From H Ramaiyangar Esq
President of Municipality
Chitaldrug District

To B K Venkatavaradhaiyar Esq
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore

Dated 23rd
Despatched } January 1905
Received
Camp
General No. 80
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Enclosure No. 1 File of Records

Forwarding records
connected with the Construction
of the box drain in Gowlegarpet
in the Davangere Municipality

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Municipal President's office
Chitaldrug District.

Dated Camp Davanagere 28th January 1905

From

A Ramanujaiengar Esq
President of Municipalities
Chitaldrug District

To

B K Venkatavaradaiengar Esq
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
General and Revenue Departments
Bangalore

Sir,

In continuation of this office Camp No 72 dated 19th Instant, I have the honor to forward as per present, the vernacular records connected with the box-drain constructed in Gandigarpet in the Davanagere Municipality during the year 1903-04

2 This was the biggest work sanctioned during the year costing nearly Rs 4000/- The Amildar reported completion of the work on the 27th June 1904 and forwarded for orders a petition given by the Contractor applying for payment at the sanctioned higher rate for "Split stone in Chunam". The

records

records were forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner with his office yadi No 41 dated 26th July 1904 requesting him to examine the work early and forward a completion report, if the work had been satisfactorily carried out and to furnish his opinion in the matter of the enhanced rate applied for by the Contractor. The Assistant Commissioner then simply passed on the records to the Amildar for his information with a direction to expedite the submission of the completion report and there the matter apparently rested till it was called up on the report made by the District Sub-Overseer after taking check measurements with the results reported in my previous letter.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

[signature]

President

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Name of petitioner Mr P. S. Venkatesayya, Amildar of Davangere Taluk, (on leave)

Date of petn 26 5 1905

Date of receipt 27 5 1905

Abstract

Offers his explanation to the queries of the Board of the Member in the Chief Secretary's u/o certain Penal charges preferred by Mr Venkatesayya at Davangere, and prays that he be granted, in consideration of his long service & Plague duty, special leave for the period intervening between the date of his return to the 3 months' Privilege leave for a fresh to be exercised

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B. K. Venkatavarada Iyengar Esq.
Secretary to the Govt of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore
General and Revenue Departments
Bangalore

Respected Sir,

I beg to submit my explanation required for some alleged irregularities in connection with certain Municipal works executed in the Davangere Town during the year 1903-04 as follows:-

Lot of works had been sanctioned both old and new and the progress of all these works had been seen and inspected by the President in accompany with the Executive and Assistant Engineer, Assistant Commissioner

Davangere Range Sub-Assistant Surgeon District Sub-Overseer, myself and my subordinates in charge of these works very Municipal Overseer Sanjeeva Rao and work Inspector Shamanna for the first time in the middle part of June for for two days and again all these works were finally inspected on the 29th and 30th Idem by the President followed by his District Sub-Overseer, myself and my subordinates in charge of these works Every one of these works very - those completed, those that were under construction, and those for which materials had been collected and the work not yet commenced, had been invariably inspected by the President followed by the District Sub-Overseer About 35 works had been sanctioned including the payment of compensation for houses etc acquired in previous years Almost all these works were complete at the time of his inspection excepting very few works in list number 1 and all the works mentioned in list 2

Some these

V drains 1 in Chitragar Kere 2 in Solampet. 3 on Hale Kotwal Kere 4 in Anekonda Pett. 5 in Second portion of Solampet 6 in Second portion of Anekondapet and 7 & 8 the gravelling of Thumbakapet and Kurubara Kere Roads had been sanctioned late in the year i.e. on or about the third week of June/04 and the remaining works viz - 1 Construction of box and V drains and formation of the side of Gowligar Pett and the construction of V drains in 2. Dhawal Pett 3 Chamundeen gully 4 and in the lane behind Goundappa's house, though materially progressed at the time of the President's inspection, were not complete owing to some difficulties in the way of removing houses the owners whereof were unwilling to accept the amount of compensation settled and who had to be prevailed upon and advised by the President himself not to give any more trouble and thus prevent the progress of the work On our return to the Bungalow the President showed an inclination to have the remaining works also finished and asked

me if I could not finish them in ten days or in a fortnights time. On the assurance of the contractors and my subordinates in charge of these works, I promised the President that I leave no stone unturned to have these works also completed within the given time. Thereupon the President had the kindness to issue cheques both for the finished and unfinished works and for the works where materials were ready. All the bills were checked by the District Sub-Overseer who had personally seen these works along with the President and the Local-Fund Head-Clerk in the travellers Bungalow and as now alleged by the Sub-Overseer in his lengthy report that the materials used for the construction of V and box drains were inferior in quality and the stone walls built in Chunam to the Gowligar Pett box drain deserved not the name of masonry, were really such, I do not understand why this fact was not then and there brought to the notice of the President, got a portion of the dues

withheld as reserve on the Bill till such works were rectified by the contractors and pointed out such defects to me for rectification followed by an official order giving clear instructions on the points noticed Myself and this Sub-Overseer are not on speaking-terms for the last 8 years on account of some misunderstanding between us and he taking opportunity of my ill luck, have seized the forelock to wreak his vengeance There wa plague in Davangere continuously from August/02 and the town was never evacuated. It was once evacuated at the onset in 1899-1900 and again to some extent in 1901-02. Only a few limed families were residing outside the town from August/02 and these have also entered the town in about March and April/04. The town was free from plague attacks and deaths only in May of

that year and as soon as the rains set in in May and June there were 3 suspicious deaths from plague and 7 attacks in the month of June and rats were said to have been dying in numbers in every nook and corner of the town, which was hushed up by the inhabitants without apprising the fact to the notice of the Authorities for fear of evacuation. The consequence was that it broke out in a serious form in July and continued up to the end of October carrying many victims to its wrath aggrigating about 400 up to end of September (about 60 in July 250 in August and about 60 or 65 in September). As early evacuation of the town was forced upon by advice and admonition in order to enable people to save their lives as the only course left open for them. the Contractors and coolies also took refuge in several places in and out of the Taluk to save themselves from the clutches of death

and the whole town was evacuated in a short space for the second time excepting a very few families who after having paid the penalty for not heeding the advice of the Authorities also left their houses for camps later on. This unforeseen scourge was the cause of the relocation of the unfinished works in the town and as the contractors turned up with their coolies and finished their works, payments were also made then and there after inspection. Several of the works finished by the end of June were paid in the month of July and in the subsequent months as soon as the contractors appeared before me for payments and I have not in any case wilfully or wantonly delayed payment on any score. I may also add for the information of Government that I had not kept a pie with me out of the amount of cheques cashed and they were kept in the imprest box of the

Treasury The remainders issued by the President were, for payment vouchers of unfinished works and I had explained the reason for delay in my last report This answers the Presidents Queries nos 1 & 2

2 I read contractor Gurappas Statement that he paid me an illegal commission of 100 Rs when the first payment of Rs 1387-3- was made to him on the 14 May 1904 and Rs 50 when the second payment of Rs 353-14-6 was made to him on the 28th idem and nothing was paid to me when the third payment of 1566-13-6 was made on the 8th July 1904 This is quite false His own statement betray him when he has ~~stated~~ ~~on one place that~~ 'I' settled a commission of 10 p c and 8 p c in another and rest satisfied with the two payments made when he pleaded his inability to pay me anything more. This is simply absurd When he had once settled a commission of 10 p c with me on the amount all the works executed by him and taken

up the works on such condition, how can he expect me to reduce the commission to 8 p c and later on to compensate me by paying me nothing at all According to his own statement he should have paid me a commission of Rs 328 at 10 p c or Rs 263 at 8 p c and he has done neither. This contractor is a great gambler with impertinent behaviour in him. When he disobeyed my orders in removing certain parts while constructing the V drain at Kaupet and made the road narrow to a great length I insisted upon his V drains being reset by removing parts and got the road made broader He had thereby sustained some loss by paying the penalty of his impertinance Further he had claimed a sum of Rs 100 or 150 alleging that he had done some extra earth work to the Kaupetta Road and used some new Slabs for the Anapal Xre V drain, for one side of which only old slabs were provided, ingen

by dismantling the slabs of the Devangada Pete. V drain which had to be widened. In either of these cases the contractor had neither any verbal nor written orders to execute them nor did he give any satisfactory proof of his having done these unauthorised works either by showing the pits from which the earth was dug up for the formation of Hafeté Road or the new slabs used for one of the side drains of the Anekondapet Road I had therefore to denounce his claim for the additional work said to have been done by him. He had once again shown his impertinance by refusing to light lamps in the camps outside the town as several lamps wherever unnecessary in the town had been removed and fixed in camps to safeguard the interests of the people as he was the contractor for lighting and the a lamp-posts fixed in camps being of all

nearly the same as those in the town from which they were removed I had to insist upon him to do the needful on pain of forfeiting his Contract and by stopping payment of arrear of lighting charges due to him. These suits grievances coupled with the complicity of his intimate and bosom friends Chinnappa and Basavannappa whose antecedents in life may better be ascertained than explained and who were also smarting under some supposed disappointment in not getting their requests sanctioned on public grounds by Higher authorities, the former to build a ginning factory in close proximity to the travellers Bungalow and the latter to manufacture oil in a building built by him without permission on his Kathe land close to the Assistant Commissioner's office and other dwellings situated in the extension, they were also most prominent when the Inspector General of Police had come to Davangere

to make enquiries concerning the allegations contained in the Suryodaya Prakasika of 9th November last and prevailed upon their friend Gurappa to say something against me first in the presence of the Inspector General of Police and again taking this friend along with them to Bombay and other places and bringing him back to Davangere, also made him to repeat the same false allegations before the President also. He was not the only Contractor who worked in the Municipality. There were several others viz:- Aer Thamanna, Kaler Shaib, Ramalingappa, Madivallappa and Mohadem Shaib and about 50 or 60 recipients of Compensation varying from Rs 4 to 400 on account of houses and lands acquired for the improvement of the town, may, if necessary, be examined as also the contractors of well and other works in the interior of the Taluk viz. Narayan chetty of Davangere.
Vaddar Hanumabhoi
Mahadevappa of Mudibadade and
Mallappa of Mallasetty halli and

the truth ascertained. It may not be out of place to mention here that mostly cooly classes take up contracts and no respectable merchant, contractor, or captalist come forward to take up the contract as the rates now given are far below the rates paid a couple of years ago when it was 3-4-0 for a V drain of 1 yard in length and 2 by 2½ feet in breadth and for a similar V drain 1½ by 2 feet in breadth the prevailing rate was 2-12-0 These rates were cut-down to 2-13-0 and 2-3 respectively and was subsequently bid for 2-3-0 and 1-11-0 respectively by the cooly class and not by respectable contractors. Since then very limited work was done in the Municipality There is also difficulty of getting slabs There are no stone quaries anywhere in the Taluk. Slab required must be had from Bevanahalli

in the Mysore Territory which is at a distance of 15 miles an unbridged halla intersecting, or from Kadur and Birur by Raul or from Gerhalli in the Holalkere Taluk which is about 25 miles of from Davangere paying heavy rates including the cost of Carriage. It is enough if the So called contractors should get the wages of a Head cooly for themselves after defraying the cost of materials and Construction never minding any commission from the rates now paid to them

2. — "With reference to query 4 of the President as per report of the District Sub-Overseer" I have passed incorrect measurements of works taken by the Municipal overseer and Work Inspector and made an excess payment of Rs 1035-12-0 to the Contractor Madivallappa who constructed the box drain in Gowligar Pet" I beg to state

that this work was sanctioned 4 years ago and the contract was given to the said Madivallappa by my predecessors. Owing to the difficult nature of the work of getting several houses dismantled to broaden the road and the filling in of the deep and broad drains on either side of the road which was something like a moat or trench, this work was never undertaken by any of my predecessors although the estimate was revised year after year. When the estimate was prepared by the D P W 4 or 5 years back the side drains may have been shallow and consequently a rate of 0-2-0 per cyd was provided in the estimate both for the excavation of the new drains and for filling in old ones. As time were on these shallow drains were made deeper and deeper by the rush of water coming from above,

viz - from the goods-shed and the Anglo-Vernacular school side roads during rainy season. As water coming from these parts had to find its way to the Gowligar Pett drains as there was the only source of its exit — these drains have also become broader by cutting the road on either side leaving a margin of about 6 feet road in a zig-zag manner in the centre It was impossible during rainy season for men and cattle to pass through this road and there was every possibility of boys and girls as well as small animals being washed off when slipped accidentally into it during rainy season. People living in this part of the town bitterly complained. that although the work was sanctioned long ago was never undertaken by any officer to finish it and relieve their grievence The contractor represented to get him the rates revised with regard to the earth work to be done for the filling

up of side drains as he had to do lot
earth work to fill them up I refused to
grant his request on the plea of has having
executed the necessary Muchalika during my
predecessors time and I would only look
to the carrying out of the work as it is
long pending execution and he is welcome
to address on the subject of necessary
The District Sub Overseer helped by the D P W
Sub-Division officer of Davangere formed
the alignment of the road by fixing flagstaff
and gave the levels of the drains by fixing
pegs right through This work occupied them
fully 2 or 3 days We had to deviate from
the plan and take the drain straight on to
divert the water to a natural halla at
the end of the road instead of diverting
it in a lane and joining it on to the
Kharapana halli Road bose drain which
would have inundated and washed off

the Harapanahalli Road by such a course
This deviation from the plan was approved
of by the President and the Assistant-
Commissioner and was also known to
the Sub- Overseer and yet he now reports
that there was a deviation from the plan

The road now formed is one big and straight
road from goods-shed to the natural halla,
at the end of the ~~road~~, lining with
houses on either sides. The breadth of the
road was made into 18 feet exclusive of
drains to be at par with the goods-shed
Road or 24 feet including the drainage.
When the work was commenced I was also
present along with the Municipal Overseer
in charge of the work and the contractor
to put them in the way till they have
made an advance of about 30 yards It is
the duty of the Municipal Overseer to
supervise all the works personally that are under
construction both in the morning and

in the afternoon to take measurements of works finished and to submit bills there for and to prepare estimates and plans for works to be undertaken as he is specially paid for the same from the Municipality Since many works were started during the year under report and as the Municipal overseer represented that he would require the help of an other official till at least some works are completed I ordered Work Inspector Shamanna also to help him. These two officials were supervising the works between themselves according to their convenience. A portion of the measurement of the Gowligar Pet bose drain was first taken by Shamanna and the remaining portion by Sanjeeva Rao. This work was not complete at the close of the year and required about 50 yards to complete it owing to the intersession of a corner of a house that had to be dismantled, the inmate

Dr. Ancutta

where of being absent at that time by locking the house door. It also required the filling up of side drains here and there, the formation of the road and the spreading of gravel. The materials were all quite ready and it did require more than a weeks time to finish them. Owing to the prevalance of plague as stated in para 1 above, it was finished later on. This work was also inspected by the President with the Sub-Overseer and the full amount of the work given with directions to finish it soon. My checking of all the works in the Municipality was superficial. As an Amildar with multifarious duties, I cannot be expected to remain always on these works both in the mornings and evenings. I used to get the whole length of the work measured and then take the breadth and thickness of the slabs here and there to satisfy myself whether the entries made

in the measurement book were correct or not in the Gowligar Pet ~~the~~ drain. I took the measurement of the whole length of the ~~foot drain~~ including that under construction measured the breadth and the length of the super-structure of the wall from the ~~sill here~~ and there and found them correct I was not ~~in~~ a position to check the foundation or the thickness of slabs used for sill as they were imbeded in earth with the superstructure raised on. Consequently I had to be rest satisfied with the assurance of my subordinates who were in charge of the work to the accuracy of their measurements Including the foundation the height of the wall of the side drain was 3 3/4 feet and the superstructure was only 3 feet from the sill and the superstructure was correct in the places I had measured

I was also not in a position to check the the foundation of the octroi house owing to the same difficulty. The officials who have taken the detailed measurements are solely responsible for their accuracy As a checking authority I checked some items at random to test the entries in the measurement books and having found them correct entered the word "checked" in the measurement books and initialed them as was usually the case with every Checking officer, and more so as an Amildar with lot of duties devolving on him scarcely having any time to enter into the detailed measurement of the works done themselves There may have been variations in the foundation of this drain according to the nature of the hard and soft soil met with at the bottom while excavating it et and until it is thoroughly examined by a professional officer such as the

Executive or Assistant Engineer, it is unsafe to rely upon the test now made by the District Sub-Overseer of the foundation by getting some pits dug up here and there and to rely upon the figure mentioned by him viz: Rs 1035-12-0 as having been overpaid to the contractor. If after such examination any defect is observed it is the duty of the contractor to rectify the same according to the terms of his agreement or Muchalka executed by him, or to reimburse the actual amount of loss correctly arrived at by his defficient works and the conduct of the officials in charge of the work noticed for short measurements ~~taking~~ taken by them.

As already stated above this road was formed by filling in the moat like ditches, granaries, and others

openings interspersing the road and this may also be fairly taken into account in setting the difference as scarcely anything was provided in the estimate for this item of work. As this road was formed of made up earth it is but natural that it should have become flat when the earth settled itself after the rainfall in spite of good barrelling. Even well mettled roads share the same fate in such cases. The barrelling must be improved year by year as the road settles down. The split rave stones used for the construction of the drain are all good sized ones and far superior to the stones used for the construction of the Haropanalli Road bee drains for which better and higher rates have been paid during my predecessors time and the slabs used for the sill of the drain are in

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the rate paid for the construction of
masonry work was extremely high I
s an exaggeration! Although the high
rate provided in the estimate was
0-3-0 a square foot, and similar rates ha
been paid for all such works done in the
from time immemorial during my predec
time without the use of bond stones,
recommended a rate of only 0-2-9 f

square foot for masonry work done as I was not in a position to assure myself ~~of the~~ of the foundation and the bond slabs being few and far between and the contractor at that rate He put in an application to give him the full rate of 0-3-0 comparing ~~with~~ his work with the work done for the Narapanahalli Road drains for which a rate of 0-3-0 had been paid and I submitted on to the President for orders as he had in both these works.

With reference to query 5 of the President I beg to submit as follows:-

(1) As was in vogue and where details could not be furnished a lump-sum provision used to be made in the estimates for carrying out works such as the dismantling of the walls of houses its roofings and materials etc and billed for accordingly No such objection was hitherto taken asking

for details and if that was needed as all bills were checked in the travellers they could have been easily returned to fill up what was required This was not done and the lump sums entered in several bills for payment I have however satisfied myself before payment that all the works for which lump sum payments had been made were duly executed and if details are now needed the officials who were in charge of the work may be asked to furnish the same where possible

(2) Owing to the imprudence of some of contractors the gravel was spread on three of the roads in equal proportion from one end of the side drain to the other, without giving the central portion of the road a thicker coating of gravel than to the sides

I also observed this defect and censured the offic

for the lack of his supervision. Contractor who are all of a cooly class scarcely knew of the gradiant and the materials collected have all been fully expended on them

(3) All the V drains constructed were provided with slabs varying from 4½ to 2½ inches in thickness scarcely any slab less than that, finding its way in their construction The breadth were also correct wherever I had examined and tested The slabs used for the construction of these drains are in no way inferior to the slabs used the old drains for which better and higher tes have been paid They were dressed and tted with chunam pointing as was personally seen by me during my rounds of inspection in the town and the chunam inting cannot be expected to last long fter the drains are washed off by rains,

when cement or asphalt fronting there such fate. There was proper backing for the vertical slabs wherever the earth was obtained from the excavation of the side drains and not a drop of water or rubbish remained during rainy season in any portion of the drain and this was the sure test of the drains having been given the necessary levels and gradients so far as the naked eye can disclose, as there were no levelling instruments provided for the Municipality. If the Sub-Overseer had really found any vertical slabs shaky it was owing to the people drawing their carts against it and having them in side drains which I noticed on several occasions and warned the people against its recurrence. The Sub-Overseer's report in every respect appears to be a magnified one on account of our misunderstanding. — In Conclusion I beg to submit that I was as earnest as the President himself to have

all the unfinished works completed within the given time but unfortunately the recurrence of plague retarded their progress I would have submitted bills only for the actual work turned out at the end of the official year if the President had not shown any inclination to finish the remaining portion of the work also by giving time, as is usually the case in almost all the Districts to force money on the Amildar at the close of the year and make him see that all the works sanctioned are completed to avoid lapsing and to save the necessity for their revival.

I have opened out not less than 12 congested parts which were the hot bed of plague so as to admit free air and provided drains in several places where the sewage water used to stagnate I have made lot of improvements to the town with the earnest hope that they would

themselves
commend to my Higher authorities Owing to

my ill luck and misfortune what all I did

in this direction with good will and intention

proved futile. The works that were

neglected from years together owing to its

difficult nature in the matter of dismantling

houses etc were all undertaken and

finished in spite of many approaches. My

whole and sole object was to see the town

kept clean and as neat and tidy as

possible by effecting the necessary

improvements to ward off the evil effects

of plague as it had taken deep root in

the town for very nearly 3 years continuously.

5 In fine I beg to bring to the notice

of Government that it is more than 5

months since I was brought down to

Bangalore and no orders have been passed

in my case yet. I can assure the Government

date I availed myself of it I have already brought this to the notice of Government in my application dated 11th April 1905 for their orders I now respectfully solicit that I may be kindly granted in continuation thereof from such date as the Government would decide, the period of leave allowed in Government order, for officers who were on plague duty as I have done that work wherever I was viz:- Thumsi, Molkalmuru and Davangere Taluks to enable me to take rest and to recruit my health by taking good tonic etc.

26th May 1905
Bangalore

I beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
B Venkatesiah
Amildar

(Form No. 26)

Confidential

File No 74

Serial No 5

Diary No of letter replied to 8138

No. 11219

Misl (369-04)—5

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General and Rev Secretariat
(Misl)
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To

The President of the Municipalities in the Chittaloorg Dist

Date of issue

Signed by

His letter No 72 dt the 19th January 1905, a list of interrogatories touching the items, which call for the explanation of Sri Venkatasayya in connection with the municipal works carried out by him in the Dawangere Municipality.

Has the honour to forward herewith an original the explanation of Sri Venkata-

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SUBJECT

Forwarded to the President of the municipalities in the Chitaloorg District for such remarks as he may have to offer, the explanation of Mr Venkatasayya in connection with the municipal works carried out by him in the Dawangere Municipality —

Respy yrs to the pres. of the President for such remarks as he may wish to offer thereon

By order

JB

11/6/05

Sec'y Secretary

5-26/11/05

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Jud (3 Cq-04) (b)

Jud 8/6/05 dy 7th June 1905

Endorsement granted to Mr B S Venkatesayya, Munsiff of the Davangere Sub-Ct, on leave, in reply to his petition Regd No 8138 Jud of the 26th May 1905 praying that in consideration of his having done Plague duty he be granted special leave for such period as may be admissible to him from the date on which the three months' privilege leave granted to him expired.

Mr Venkatesayya is informed that he is not entitled to Plague leave as per G Progs No ~~73-112~~ Pg 73-112 of the 17th July 1899 as modified by Govt Progs No Pg 755-94 of the 27th December 1890, the concession having ceased to exist after the 30th June 1900

By order

AD 7/6/05
Secretary

Typed 8/6

No 11221-4 / Jud (369-04) dy 7.6.04

Copies to the Deputy Commr Chitaldroog District & the Comptr for information.

AD 7/6/05
For Secy

HBM 6.6.1905

AD 7/6/05
For Secy

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From H Ramanujaiengar Esq
President of Municipalities
Chitaldrug District

To B K Venkataramaiengar Esq
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore

Dated 28th
Despatched } June 1905
Received

General No
No 725

Enclosure No 5

Resubmitting the Explanation of Mr B S Venkatesaya, Amildar together with a memorandum touching on the several points referred to in the Explanation

30/6/1905

30/6/05

No 725 / 28
Encs 5

Ref I 369-04 (7) 28914
Municipal President's Office
Chitaldrug District
Dated Chitaldrug 28th June 1905

From

A Ramanujaiengar Esq
President of Municipalities
Chitaldrug District

To

B K Venkatavaradaiyengar Esq
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your docket No 11214/Mil(369-04) dated 7th instant forwarding in original the Explanation of Mr Venkatesiah for my remarks, I have the honor to resubmit the Explanation together with a memorandum touching the several points referred to therein

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

A Ramanujaiengar
President

Memorandum.

Charges Nos 1 and 2

The number of works started during the year 1903-04. was the largest that was ever sanctioned in this municipality for any one year. When I visited the town in the middle part of June 1904 and inspected the municipal works, I found that Mr Venkatesiah was energetically pushing on with them. This inspired me with the confidence that he would be able to complete them before the close of the official year. I made it a point to return to Davangere on the 29th June 1904 straight from Mysore whither I had gone to be present on the occasion of His Highness the Maharaja's birthday festivities and again inspected the works. The same activity prevailed and I had no misgiving about Mr Venkatesiah's assurance that he would be able

to finish the remaining works within the 15th of July following In order to avoid any lapse in the allotment at the close of the year, I issued Cheques for a sum of Rs 14458-10-8 including an advance of Rs 2631-14-7 for the proper completion of the unfinished works within the time allowed But unfortunately conditions subsequently altered and the progress of these works was retarded owing to the prevalence of plague which appearing in a mild form in the month of June of that year increased in virulence by leaps and bounds in the two succeeding months as may be observed from the following plague figures for the town

	Attacks	-	Deaths
June 1904	7		3
July "	90	-	54
August "	352	-	224
September "	87		83
October	11	-	10

The townspeople camped out in different directions and the town had thus been almost Evacuated Many of the Contractors had left the town and were living in outlying villages Consequently there was delay both in the Completion of the works that remained incomplete at the Close of the year and in payment of money due to the Contractors as already reported in my memo dated the 20th December 1904 - Copy attached for ready reference - the Contractors have admitted the delay on their own part in completing the remaining works and the difficulty of having had to cart burnt stone for the drain work for a distance of about 18 miles from a quarry in the Harapana-halli Taluk in the Bellary District But Mr Venkatacharlu did not bring his difficulties

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to my notice although 9 reminders had been issued to him calling for the early transmission of bills and vouchers He indeed began to send them in batches from August 1904 but still a balance of Rs 2,494-15-4 remained to be accounted for by him on the 2d November 1904 On that date, I wrote him a DO calling for his Explanation and submission of bills and vouchers He then made his report No 120 dated 11th October 1904, Explaining the cause of delay as due to the absence of contractors and parties Entitled to receive compensation, from the town owing to the prevalence of plague and submitted the remaining vouchers and bills When Mr Venkatesiah found that he could not complete the works as originally anticipated from

from causes beyond his control, it was his plain duty to have frankly explained matters and followed the course pointed out to him in this office order No. 2501 dated 29th June 1904, on a separate subject (copy attached). He should have obtained orders from me as to the disposal of the amount advanced to him on express conditions which had failed. His explanation on the general points noticed is therefore, not quite acceptable

Charge No 3

From enquiries made I learn that Guruppa had reason to be dissatisfied with Mr Venkatesiah, as the latter had to find fault with him in connection with certain municipal works and the lighting contract which also he had taken up. I have commenced

several contractors - municipal and other - and not one of them has said a word against Mr Venkatesiah. I am therefore of opinion that Gurappa's statement that he gave Mr Venkatesiah on two occasions, a percentage commission on the contract amounts paid to him is not worthy of credit.

Charge No 4 - Construction of bore-drain in Gowligey

This was one of the roads in the Davanagere town left in a most neglected condition for some years past. The Estimate sanctioned for its improvement 4 years ago had remained in abeyance owing no doubt to the practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the work. People living in this part of the town repeatedly complained to me of the dangerous state of disrepair into which this road had been

reduced

reduced and Mr Venkatesiah readily came forward and undertook to put the work in hand this so by far the most costly of the works carried out during the year costing no less than Rs 3,981/- It was therefore incumbent on Mr Venkatesiah as the officer in responsible charge of the work to have personally checked the measurements and prevented his subordinates from misleading him to make over payments I feel therefore constrained to remark that his explanation on this point is not acceptable He now states that Sub Overseer Krishnarao and himself have not been on speaking terms for the last 7 or 8 years on account of some misunderstanding between them and that consequently measurements to

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taken by the former could not
be safely relied upon this
perhaps in a measure accounts
for the generally deprecatory
tone of the Sub-Overseers report
and his wholesale condemna-
tion of this box-drain
which in his opinion does
not deserve the name masonry"
I was not aware of the strained
relations between Mr Venkatesiah
and the Sub Overseer when I
deputed the latter to check
the measurements under the
Divisional Officer's supervision,
and it is only fair that the
measurements should now be
tested in the same manner in Mr Venkatesiah's
presence by some responsible
Public Works Department
Officer as desired by him
As regards the deviation
of the drain alluded to I ordered

it on personal inspection as it was found necessary for the proper completion of the drain

Charge No 5

Sub Para (1)

Marginal remarks not entered on H.S.R. page 2.

I beg to refer to the marginal remarks made against this item on the report of the District Sub Overseer

Sub Paras (2) and (3)

The Explanations on these points may be accepted

In conclusion it is due to Mr Venkatesiah to state that during the time he was in charge of the Devarayapatna tank he worked very hard and did much to open out the congested parts of the town

R. P. Cunningham

President of Municipal Council of Dodballapur

To
Chikballapur
28th Jan 1

Memorandum

A sum of Rs 19,006/ was sanctioned from Municipal funds for carrying out 39 works in the Town of Davangere during the year 1903-1904

2 This sum included Rs 7,524/- being the amount of appropriations sanctioned by Government for 19 incomplete works of previous years

3 I was most anxious to avert a similar unsatisfactory result for last year and was urging the Amildar to work out the allotment fully before the close of the year In Mr Venkatesiah I thought I had found a willing and energetic Amildar who would be able to cope with this heavy work

4 Upto the 6th June 1904, Cheques for Rs 3,290-14-1 had

been

on hand in the Amildar's impress box and I have directed him to credit this amount back to the Treasury as the parties concerned dispute the amount of compensation awarded for their houses taken up for sanitary works

7 In explanation of these delays, the Amildar reported on the 11th November 1904 as follows —

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8 I wanted to satisfy myself by local enquiry as to whether the contractors had been put to any hardship by these extraordinary delays, but owing to the Honorable the British Resident's visit to the Mankanam Works, the Revision Settlement of the Chitaldrug Taluk and other

pressure

pressing Engagements I was
not able to visit Davanagere
till the 11th Instant. On that date
I sent for the Municipal Con-
tractors who had carried out
works as per details given in
Statement marked III and
Examined all but Gurappa
and Adiveppa. Gurappa has
gone to Bombay for the Exhibition
and Adiveppa was also absent.
The latter however was a joint
contractor with Ramalingappa
(his brother in law) The latter
has been duly Examined and
from the Statements given by
him and the contractors
(hereunto submitted) it does
not appear that they Experienc e
any difficulty in receiving the
payment fully from the Municipal
They cannot the delay on the
own part in completing some
of the works owing to the ...

of plague in Davangere and the difficulty of having to cart the burnt stone for a distance of about 18 miles from a quarry in the Harapanahalli Taluk While regretting the unfortunate delays under notice it cannot be denied that both these causes were great obstacles in the way of the works being completed in due time The following plague figures for the town of Davanagere tell their own tale

	Attacks	Deaths
June 1904	7	3
July	90	57
August "	352	224
September	117	83
October	11	10
November	0	0

4 Besides the municipal contractors I have examined Vittana Boya and Mahadevappa and taken up District Fund work on contract These statements also herewith submitted

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from which it will be seen that they have no complaint to make against the Annedal in regard to the payment of their dues

10 On the 12th Instant I made an inspection of the municipal works then by them and found that they had all been completed although here and there they bore traces of work hastily done and not upto mark I have since deputed the District Sub-Overseer to check the measurements of every one of these works and his report is awaited

(Sd) N Ramanujaiyangar
Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District

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Copy -

N Ramanujaiyangar
President

28 6 05
Chitaldrug

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File No 369
Serial No 8

Diary No of letter replied to _____

No. 10
Mil (369-do)-8

General and Rev Secretariat
(Mil)
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To

The Chief Engineer
of Mysore

Date of issue 3.7.05

signed by Dwr Venkata Naradipuram

Sir,

I am directed ~~to inform the Maharaja~~ to request that you will be so good as to depute an officer of or above the grade of Sub Asst Engineer to take measurements in the presence of Mr B S Venkataraya, Sub Auditor of Davangere, of the work done in connection with the construction of a bore-drain in Gowligarpet of the Davangere Municipality. On receipt of information from

over

SUBJECT

Requests the chief Engineer to depute an officer of or above the grade of a Sub-Asst Engineer to take the measurements of the work of Cauchmchipa bore drain in Gowligarpet at Davangere, in the presence of Mr B. S. Venkataraya

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you as to the date on which the officer whom you may depute for the purpose, will ~~proceed to~~ be at Davangere, Mr Venkatesayya will be asked to be present there on the occasion

I have etc

30/6/1905

Secretary.

30/6/05 12 mil (369-04) 8-3-7-05

Memo 30/6/05 11 mil (369-04) 8-3-7-05

Copy forwarded to the President of the Mulkes in the Chitaldroog Distt with reference to his letter No 725 of the 28th June 1905.

2 With reference to his remarks on ~~charge the~~ Mr Venkatesayya's explanation to sub para (1) of Charge 5, it is observed that the Gazetts' marginal remarks, to which he refers, have not been inserted in the copy of the Distt ~~survey~~ Surveyor's report received with his letter No 72 of the 19th January 1905 ~~The~~ A copy of the remarks should now be called

By order

Copy to Mr V Anilkumar now at Bangalore

30/6 Secy

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List of enclosures

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Examined by

MGCPB—20 000 19-12-04

No 605

D205 W.F 365-05 (7)

Docket No 4486 dated 7th instant forwarding the "Chief Engineer to the Supdg Engineer, Western Circle"

In forwarding copy of letter No 10/mb (369-04)-8 dated 1st instant from the Secy to Govt General & Revenue Depts, has the honor to request the Supdg Engineer will be so good as to depute Asst Engineer Mr K Pannappa of the Honnalli Range, for the purpose of taking measurements of the box drain in Sowligarpet of the Davangere Municipality in the presence of Mr B.S Venkataseqiya as therein desired. The Secy to Govt, General & Revenue Depts will be informed that Mr Pannappa will proceed to Davangere on Monday the 17th instant

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No 4487

Copy of above forwarded to the Secy to the Govt of Mysore, Genl & Rev Depts for information, with reference to his letter No 10/mb (369-04)-8 dt/ 1st inst.

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To Branch IV
for early prompt action &

For Chief Engineer
being granted
for Secy wire
ASN
8/7/1905
Recd 8/7/05

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From

The Chief Eng. of Mysore

To

The Secretary to Govt. General & Revenue Depts.

Dated 7/8 July 1905

Despatched

Received

General No 4487

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Enclosure No

Forwarding copy of the office memo. addressed to the Supdg. Eng. Mys. Cir. re an office being deputed for the purpose of taking measurement of the box drawn in covering order of the Dam-pox, immediately.

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File No 369-04
Serial No 13

Diary No of letter replied to _____

385 8/10-7-05
Mad (369-04)-10

General and Rev Secretariat
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Date of issue 11-7-05

Signed by M. H. Ramaiya

To
Mr B S Venkatesayya,
Amildar of Davanagere
Now at Bangalore

In continuation of this office No 12 Mad (369-04)-8 of the 3rd July 1905, Mr Venkatesayya is informed that the Asst Engineer Mr K Ponnappa of the Honnali range has been deputed to take measurements of the box drain at Gali. Gowligarpet in his presence ~~and that he should proceed to this~~ on the 7th July 1905 accordingly

SUBJECT

Mr B S Venkatesayya, Amildar that the Asst Engineer has been deputed to measurements of the box drain pet in Davanagere in his

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~~place at once for the purpose. he will proceed to Danzig~~ ~~under the date~~

~~By order~~

Secretary

Kiel 10/7/05

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Copy to the President of the entries in the Chatelaine Dtw. with the file of records regarding the construction of the breakwater in the Danzig municipality for resubmission with report.

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Enclosure file

List of enclosures

Secretary

Copied by

Examined by

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Routine Notes

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc , not intended for permanent record]

List of papers sent with
No 386 of 10-7-05.

Rt. for 1904-05
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N B —Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied or slips pasted on this form

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No 4745

Forwarded to the Chief Engr of Mysore, Public Works, with reference to his letter No W/mb (3b4-04)-8 of the 7th instant for disposal

Chief Engineer of Mysore

Bangalore 18/7/05

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VERY URGENT

From

The Superintending Engineer,
Western Circle.

To
The Chief Engineer of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated 17th July 1905.

Despatched

Received

General No. 3336
No

Enclosure No

With reference to Chief Engineer's No:4486 dated 7th Instant, has the honor to inform that the Executive Engineer, Shimoga Division, reports that, necessary instructions have been issued to Mr.Ponnappa, who will be at Devengere on Sunday the 23rd. Instant and commence measurements of the box drain in Gowligarpet of the Devengere Municipality on 24th (Monday) instant. Intimation may kindly be given to that effect to Mr.B.S.Venkatesiyya through the

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Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments.

Captain, R.E

Superintending Engineer, W.Circle.

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No. 864 (Misc 369-04) -12

GOVERNMENT OF H H THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat.

(Misc)

Office Memorandum

To

the 20. 7. 1905

Mr B S Venkatacharya,
Amildar of Davangere,
now at Bangalore

In continuation of this office No 385 of the 10th July 1905 Mr Venkatacharya is informed that Asst Engr Mr Ponnappa will be at Davangere on Sunday the 23rd July 1905 and commence taking measurements of the box drain at the Agraharagaphet of the Davangere Municipality on the next day

By order
20/7/1905
Secretary

Memo 865 (Misc 369-04) -12 20/7/05 Sd 19/7/05
(Copy forwarded to the Presd of the Municipality in the Chital Drug Dist in continuation of this office memo No 385 of the 10/7/05 By order
20/7/1905
Secretary
Sd 19/7/05

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From H Ramanujacharyar Esq
President of Municipality
Chidambaram District

To Rt Venkatavaradaraja Esq
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore
General and Revenue Departments,
Trivandrum

Dated 1st
Despatched } August 1905
Received

General No. 59
No.

Enclosure No. 1 + Records
as per list separately

Resubmitting records
connected with the municipal
works at Davangere and stating
that the Assistant Engineer said he would
examine the work without
reference to records

No 9 Enc 1 Mel (369 of 1904-5) of 3 D 1000

Encs Records
Sub expunged
as per note

Municipal President's Office,
Chitaldrug District

Dated Chitaldrug, 1st August 1905

From

H Ramanuja Iyengar Esq
President of Municipalities
Chitaldrug District

To

B K Venkatavaradachar Esq
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore

Sir,

In resubmitting herewith the file of records received with your memo No 386/Mel (369-04)-10 dated 10th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the file referred to had been sent to the Assistant Commissioner, Davanagere Range, with instructions to furnish the same to Mr Pommappa, Assistant Engineer, on his requisition. From the reply received from the Assistant Commissioner, (copy enclosed for information) it would appear

appear that the Assistant Engineer did not want any of these records and did his work without reference to them

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

A K Cunningham
President

Copy of memo No 29 dated 25th July 1905 from the Assistant Commissioner, Davanagere Range

Resubmitted to the President with the Enclosures to his No 183 dated 13th July 1905 unopened, as there has been no necessity to give any of them to the Assistant Engineer who said he would do his examination without any reference to them

Camp Holalkere
25th July 1905

(Sd) C Srinivasa Iyer
Asst to Commissioner

Copy

President

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The Superintending Engineer
Shwebo Circle

To

The Superintending Engineer
Mandalay Circle.

Dated 29-7-05

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Received

General No.

No.

Enclosure No.

With reference to Superintending Engineer's confidential order about departing from Paraffin, Asst Engineer to bring up of work done to box drain at Gwalagana Kya in Dawangere in the presence of a civil officer from Sankatai, I have the honour to submit the confidential report on the subject received from the Asst Engineer

N N Bhattacharjee
Executive Engineer

Forwarded in confidential with confidential report of Asst Engr

W Thomson
Supdg Engr W.C.
2 8 05

Ref (369-Dr-5)-14.

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Confidential
No 5131 Dr 3

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government Revenue and General Department in continuation of this office No 4745 of 18th ultimo for disposal

N N Bhattacharjee

Chief Engineer & Secy

To Branch IV
Please
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SECRET 5548 5 AUG 1905 Forwarded to P. W. Dept

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE
Diary No. 1905
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From

The Assistant Engineer
Nowgaon Range

To

The Executive Engineer
Shimoga Division

Dated

Despatched 25 July/06

Received

General No. 221

No.

Enclosure No

Executive Engineer's D.O. dated 14.7.06 with Western Circle Superintending Engineer's No dated . regarding the measurements of a box drain in Gondigar Patti in Dasangar town Chitaldrug district.

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With reference to the above has the honor to submit the table of measurements taken in the presence of Amildar Mr. Venkatasiah on the 24th and 25th instant together with the bill.

The box drain is 1475 feet long

feet wide and 3'ft deep the sides being protected by stone in mortar and the floor by burnt stone slabs.

The sanctioned width for the side walls for the drain is 1½'ft and the height three feet above the flooring slab.

The structure is not of one uniform width of 1½'ft as sanctioned but is of different widths as can be seen from the detail measurements list as per actual work. The height is 3'ft above the flooring slab. The foundation for the walls is about 9 inches in the first two hundred feet and for the remaining length there is no foundation but the walls are built from the flooring slab bottom level.

The masonry is of indifferent work. The masonry to the full height of 3'ft to the whole length of 1490'ft for the face is properly built to an average width of 9 inches but the rear half of the wall is of bad work. The stones are loose and they are not properly set flush with mortar and no attempt seems to have been made to wedge in chips to avoid thick beds and joints and to avoid hollow spaces between the stones and no through or bond stones are used to make the whole work one solid mass.

This work may stand as there is sufficient earth support in the rear and mostly in cutting provided the face work is kept in good order by repairs whenever necessary.

The sanctioned rate for this work is three annas per cft and the work seems to have been paid at a rate

of two annas and nine pies per cft. It would be better to pull down and rebuild the walls but as the work is all completed, and as the work is mostly in cutting and the faw work throughout the length is good, in undersigned's humble opinion it may be allowed to remain but the rate of two annas nine pies per cft is high for this kind of inferior work. A rate of two annas and a half seems ample.

In the bill accompanying a rate of 2ff9 is put down as Mr Venkatesiah wanted it as it was the rate of the former bill submitted by him.

The measurement of the earth work excavation for the drain is given in full on the clear presumption there was no drain there before, as stated by Mr Venkatesiah and Municipal Overseer and also the measurements for the covering slabs for the tunnel as they both assert that there was only an open drain and it was covered over with slabs newly after doing some masonry work.

The flooring slabs rest on earth and to prevent water sinking through the joints it would be advantageous to point the joints with cement.

N Ponnappa
Assistant Engineer
Shimoga Range

Constructing a box drain in Gowligar Pt. [illegible] Chatalroog District.

Engineer's Office
3 AUG 1905
Madras Pub. Works

Particulars	No	Dimensions			Contents
Earth work - Excavating foundation	1	$\frac{147\frac{1}{2}}{3}$	2	$1\frac{1}{9}$	1095
Stone in Mortar					
Side walls Right	1	100	$1\frac{1}{3}$	$3\frac{3}{4}$	500
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{3}+1\frac{1}{2}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{3}{4}+3\frac{3}{4}}{2}$	$531\frac{1}{4}$
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{3}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{3}{4}+3\frac{5}{12}}{2}$	507
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{3}+1\frac{1}{2}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{5}{12}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$472\frac{2}{9}$
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{3}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$460\frac{5}{12}$
	1	117	$\frac{1\frac{1}{3}+1\frac{1}{2}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{1}{3}}{2}$	$545\frac{17}{32}$
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{3}{4}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{3}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$534\frac{43}{48}$
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{3}{4}+1\frac{1}{2}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{5}{12}}{2}$	$541\frac{2}{3}$
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{3}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{5}{12}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$472\frac{2}{9}$
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{3}+1\frac{1}{2}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$460\frac{5}{12}$
	1	150	$\frac{1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{3}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{1}{3}}{2}$	$699\frac{25}{48}$
	1	200	$\frac{1\frac{1}{3}+1\frac{1}{2}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{3}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$932\frac{23}{36}$
	1	$108\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	529
Do — Left	1	100	$1\frac{2}{3}$	$3\frac{2}{3}$	611
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{2}{3}+1\frac{1}{2}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{2}{3}+3\frac{3}{4}}{2}$	587
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{3}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{3}{4}+3\frac{1}{3}}{2}$	$501\frac{5}{12}$
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{3}+1\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{3}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$425\frac{25}{144}$
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{4}+1\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$406\frac{1}{4}$
	1	120	$\frac{1\frac{1}{4}+1\frac{1}{2}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$536\frac{1}{4}$
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{3}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$460\frac{5}{12}$
A [illegible]					$10714\frac{1}{24}$

	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{3}+1\frac{1}{6}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{5}{12}}{2}$	$416\frac{2}{3}$	
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{4}+1\frac{1}{2}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{1}{6}}{2}$	$433\frac{1}{3}$	
	1	100	$\frac{1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{3}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{1}{3}}{2}$	$466\frac{29}{72}$	
	1	150	$\frac{1\frac{1}{3}+1}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{3}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$576\frac{1}{24}$	
	1	200	$\frac{1+1\frac{1}{2}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$812\frac{1}{2}$	
	1	$108\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1\frac{1}{3}+1\frac{1}{2}}{2}$	$\frac{3\frac{1}{4}+3\frac{1}{4}}{2}$	$528\frac{15}{16}$	
Total					13948	
Tunnel						
Side walls	2	22	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{6}$	77	
	1	1	1	1	1	
	1	1	2	1	2	
	1	$8\frac{3}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	1	$13\frac{1}{8}$	
	1	9	$1\frac{1}{2}$	1	13	
Total					106	
Total stone in mortar					14051	
Deductions						
Deduct for slabs	2	147.5	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$492\frac{2}{3}$	
Balance stone in mortar					13558	13558
Slabs for flooring of the drain	1	147.5	$3\frac{1}{2}$		517.3	
Bottom slab for the tunnel	1	23	3		69	
Total					5242	52
Covering slabs for the tunnel	1	$23\frac{1}{2}$	4		94	9

24 & 25 July 1905

H. Ponnappa
Assistant Engineer
Hamah Ra

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W No. 169.

Drainage from Chittaloo

A Extract of Measurement Books.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
Rec'd No.
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Total up to Date.
Works P. W. Dept.

Sub-heads.	Previous Measurement.			Present.								
	Quantity		Cost.	Quantity			Rate.			Cost.		
[illegible]				1095			2	0		136	7	0
[illegible] in mortar				13561			2	9		2842	5	0
[illegible] stone slabs				5242			3	0		982	14	0
[illegible] slabs				94			6	0		35	[illegible]	0
				Total						[illegible]		

tal value of, work done up to end of 18

ust per cent as per accepted tender

Do 5 per cent on account of Reserve

Do previous payments

Net amount to be paid

Certified the above measurements have been made by me and that the work has been satisfactorily executed

Division

Sub-Div.

Name of Work. Construction of lined drain in Shortipar Pit in Serampore Town Municipality Hooghly District

Name of Contractor

Date of Measurement

Date of Payment.

Memo of Payments.

Arrears brought forward.

Works done as for this Bill. 3 [illegible]

Total 3 [illegible]

Payments now made.

Balance due.

In charge of Work.

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Inl 369 of 1902-05. 15

To

A. Venkatavaradaryengar Esq
Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja
of Mysore
General & Revenue Depts
Bangalore

Respected Sir,

In obedience to the Govt order no 385 Inl (369-04) dated 10th July 1905, I arrived at Davangere on the 16th Instant to be present at the time of taking measurement of the Gowligar Patta bund drawn by Mr Pomappa, Asst Engineer of the Hosmath Range

on

on the 17th ctc. and waited for that officer's arrival on the 23rd Instant as again communicated to me in Govt. order no: 864 dated the 20th Current
M.I.-369-04-12

On the 23rd (Sunday) the Assistant Engineer marked out a dozen places to be opened out and exposed on either side of the wall some at an uniform distance of 100 ft apart from one another and the others varying from 108½ & 200 ft in length and the gaps thus exposed were two feet broad. He then commenced the examination of the work and the taking up of the measurements piecemeal on the morning of

of the 24th and Conclude it by the evening of the 29th Instant.

In 4 or 5 places out of such piecemeal measurements the breadth of the wall taken was less by 2 or 2½ inches than what the Tape actually shewed i.e. wherever it was 1-8½ in, 1-6, 1-5 & 1-4, it was respectively taken as 1-6, 1-4 1-3 & 1-2 and on my asking for this discrepancy, the Assistant Engineer asserted that a slight curve of a stone in the body of the wall amounted to breadth in one or two places and the looseness of the stone while dismantling the wall accounted for the same in other places I could not however satisfy myself...

test technical rows using a non-professional. To assure myself I got the top surface of the wall measured at some distance from these gaps and found them agree with what the tape actually showed when the assistant engineer measured them in the openings and there was no reason to make any deductions in the measurements taken

Further the foundation in 5 or 6 places of the piecemeal work was not properly explored by getting the earth fully scraped out at the bottom and as it was, the measurement taken showed a height of between 4 & 5 inches. It was uniformly taken as only 3 inches to make it correspond with the thickness of the bottom slabs inserted

i.e.

into the body of the wall either side of the drain though the thickness of the slabs themselves thus inserted varied from $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches

Then again the length of the covering slabs over the tunnel near Abkhoobaji's house was taken as 4 ft on an average by exposing only one slab on either side of the tunnel which was 4 & 5 ft long and the central ones which were 6 ft in length were not examined the average length of the slab comes to 5 & not 4 feet

The superstructure over the sile is 3 ft 1 in in some places and 3 ft 2 in in others and it is nowhere less than 3 feet the average height of the wall

Excluding

including the foundation is therefore $3^{ft}-7\frac{1}{2}^{in}$ and the foundation itself is about 5 inches Thus the hight of the structure of the wall including the foundation is $3^{ft}-6\frac{1}{2}^{in}$ The breadth of the wall is $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft on an average if not a little more and the hight of the excavation of the drain can be safely taken at $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft when the structure itself is $3^{ft}-6\frac{1}{2}^{in}$ high

The total length of the drain is 1482 ft A little over a yard in length has now been meddled with and a slanting parapat raised in its stead at the end of the drain to prevent the abrupt flow of water into the natural stalla. I had taken up

up the wall to the crest of the Halla with the ultimate object of building a culvert joining with this wall and taking the road straight through some Kunas (threshing floor) upto the limits of the Municipal boundary so as to connect it with the cart track leading to Maganahalli, Hadlabai and other villages.

As stated above if from 1 to 3 inches are allowed in the breadth and the depth of the wall in 5 or 6 portions measured out of account, there will no doubt be a perceptible decrease in the actually quantity of the work turn out. It behoves therefore

I arrive at a fair and equitable striking of the average in the breadth and height of the wall without giving undue advantage either to the Municipality or to the Contractor

In the light of the foregoing preliminary explanation I have noted below the fair average that I have taken into account & prepare my bill which I have herewith submitted for the perusal of Government. —

Items	Average.	My calculations	What the Arbitrating Calculation might
	Ft in		
Height of the wall	3 - 4½	3 - 6½	3 - 3 -
Breadth of the wall	1 - 6	1 - 6¼	1 - 5
Height of the Excavation	3 - 5	3 - 6	3 - 4

From this it will be seen that

that a fair margin is allowed to meet short comings of any. I have entered the rates on the bill as given by the Assistant Engineer after testing the work

I have taken in my bill the total length of 1482 ft which would have been the same if left undisturbed but the Engineer appears to have taken only 1478½ ft up to the sloping parapet

From the enclosed bill you will kindly observe that no overpayment has been made to the contractor On the other hand there is a slight saving to the Municipality In addition to this the contractor has done extra work to the extent of Rs 228-12-0

out herewith submitted.
The several items included
in the bill were not provided
in the Estimate which was
prepared in the D.P.W. and
perhaps these were not fore-
seen at the time. but with
the progress of the work these
difficulties came in the way
and had to be met with.
I have assured the Contractor
that I would take into ac-
count all the Extra work
done by him and submit
a separate bill for sanction
when the final Completion
bill is rendered I asked
the Engineer to take the mea-
surement of the Extra work
done by the Contractor as
it had formed the part & parcel
of the drainage work He said
he

had orders only to take the measurements of the box drain and nothing more in connection therewith and told me that I might take the measurement and submit the bill which I have now done. To be on the safe side I have taken the bill the breadth and depth of the old drain filled up at 2 and 1 [illegible] respectively, though it [illegible] more by 1 or 2 ft in [illegible] places.

I have not [illegible] my final comp[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] for this [illegible] [illegible] for any off[illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] ted in the [illegible] [illegible] does [illegible] Iwa[illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible]

sounds and the checking of the preparation of new accounts and its scrutiny owing to the introduction of the revised Survey Settlement I thought of submitting the Completion bills after finishing the Talukk Jamabandi and after once more testing and examining the work, at my leisure as I have to certify to the satisfactory nature of the work executed when all on a sudden I was ordered to report myself at the Secretariat at Bangalore

As already brought to the notice of Government in my explanation of the 26th May last, the deficiency was

in the foundation where instead of being 9 inches high eight through was 9 inches in a few pieces and 5 and 4½ inches in other portions. Consequently an average of only 4½ inches is now taken into account. It was not in a position to test it when I checked the measurement of the superstructure here and there to compare with the entries in the measurement book in the latter part of June 04 as there was a huge embankment formed of the thrown up earth overhauled from the excavation of the drain and from the dismantling of houses on the side of the low drain to a great length

I thought it best at the time to err on the safe side and allowed a rate of u-2-9 per cft of masonry work though the sanctioned rate was u-2-e which latter rate was invariably paid and also demanded by the Contractor with a view to compensate for any deficiency of work that might come to light on any further examination ere rendering the final completion bill. I have also stopped the submission of the bill for the extra work done by the Contractor on the same score to have a further set off, if need be

If the President had the kindness, on the exaggerated report of the sub overseer,

to get the measurements
checked by a Professional
officer of the I.P.W.D. at the
onset as such officers were
available in the District
the Davangere itself being
the Head Quarters of an
Assistant Engrs. all these
unnecessary difficulties
would have been there
and there solved and
the Government would
have been enabled to pass
their orders in my case
long, long ago But my
misfortune did not suggest
this course to the Presidents

In Conclusion I beg to
state that it is nearly 8 mos
since I was ordered to come
to Bangalore, that owing
some unforeseen

in spite of him, my own and
domineering over my destinies
I have suffered a good deal
of trouble and difficulties
and more so in my health
that as long as I have got
a clear conscience I serve
and a large family from
run I beg to assure the Govt.
that I have not done any
thing wrong as to draw down
the wrath of our benign
Govt. on my head and that
I earnestly and respectfully
solicit a favorable consi-
deration of my hard case
and restore me in my office
and that early orders are
also passed for the dis-
bursement of the arrears
of my pay which I have
not drawn from March
last as it is hardly necessary
for

for me to bring to the kind
notice of Government the
difficulties I have been
experiencing in an expensive
place like Bangalore

I beg to remain
Respected Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Subbarayan
Amildar

Bangalore
31st July/05

Abstract of measurement of the Gowligar Petta Cross drain in the Davangere Municipality

Sub heads	Present measurement					Rate	Amount		Remarks
	No	Length	Breadth	Height	Quantity				
Earth work —		245 / 1482 / 3	2	41/36	1125 2/9 cubic	@ 2	140	14	
Stone in Chunam	2	1482	3/2	27/8	15006 1/4 cft	@ 3	2873	7	9
Do of Tunnel	2	22	3/2	7/6					
		1	1	1	cft.				
		1	2	1	106 1/2	@ 3	19	15	6
		35/4	3/2	1					
		9	3/2	1	cft.				
Burnt Stone bottom slabs		1482	7/2		5256	@ 3	985	8	
Do of Tunnel		22	3						
Covering slabs		24	6		120	@ 6	45		
					Total	Rs	4064	10	7
Deduct — Bottom slabs inserted in the body of the wall	2	1482	1/4	1/4	185 1/4	@ 3	34	11	9
		Balance	payable			Cont	3969	14	10

A. Venkatesiah

పాఠశాల నీటి వనరుల పథకాలకు సంబంధించి పెట్టిన ఖర్చుల వివరాలు
అంచనా వేయబడిన పనులు పూర్తి అయినట్లు నివేదిక

క్రమ సంఖ్య	నెలలు	అడుగులు			రేటు	మొత్తం
పాఠశాల త్రాగునీటి బావి నుండి పాఠశాల వరకు పైపు లైను వేయడం	2	211	2	1	844	
పాఠశాల ఆట స్థలం చుట్టూ కంచె వేయడానికి సిమెంటు పోల్స్ మరియు కాంక్రీట్ పోల్స్ నాటడం	1	7	2	1	14	
పాఠశాల ఆట స్థలం చుట్టూ ఇనుప తీగ అమర్చడం	1	60	7	2/3	280	
అంచనాలు తయారు చేయడం మరియు అభివృద్ధి పనుల పర్యవేక్షణ	1	50	6	1/2	150	
రికార్డు పుస్తకాలు	1	3	3	4	36	
			మొత్తం		1324	రూపాయలు
పాఠశాల పరిసరాలలో పరిశుభ్రత పాటించడం మరియు పాఠశాల అభివృద్ధి కమిటీ సమావేశాలు	1	10	3	1	30	
పిల్లలకు పాఠ్యపుస్తకాలు మరియు నోట్ పుస్తకాలు పంపిణీ చేయడం	1	37	5	2/3	123	
పాఠశాల పరిసరాలలో మొక్కలు నాటడం	1	31	6	2/3	124	
			మొత్తం		277	
పాఠశాల పిల్లలకు పరీక్షలు నిర్వహించి వారికి బహుమతులు ఇవ్వడం — పిల్లలకు పరిశుభ్రతపై అవగాహన కల్పించడం		అంచనా 500 రూపాయలు అందినట్లు				150/-
పాఠశాల పిల్లలకు కథల పుస్తకాలు చదివి వినిపించడం —						
కథా సంకలనాలు	2					
అమ్మ బాబు పుస్తకాలు	1					
పుస్తకాల పరామర్శ	1		అంచనా			50/-
కథల పుస్తకాలు	2					
పాఠశాల పుస్తకాలు	1					
అంచనాలు తయారు చేయడం	1					
పాఠశాల పిల్లలు అడ్డాకులకు 2 కి.మీ. దూరం నుండి కాలినడక చేరుకుంటారు కాబట్టి వారికి ఆట విడుపు కింద అరటిపండ్లు పంపిణీ చేయడం					అంచనా	5/-

in a Court of Law. In pursuance of that order, Mr. Venkatesiya instituted a prosecution against the Editor of the said Newspaper in the Court of the Assistant Commissioner Magistrate of Bangalore. The Editor having, however, offered to publish an unqualified apology, Mr. Venkatesiya abandoned the prosecution.

2 Had the prosecution terminated in the conviction of the accused, the vindication of Mr. Venkatesiya's character would have been as complete and satisfactory as desirable. Moreover, he abandoned the prosecution without any reference to the Government, and without securing that vindication of character which he was directed to secure.

3 Apart from the allegations under advertence, the following departmental charges were framed against him and enquired into -

Charges Nos. 1 & 2	- Relate to certain works which Mr. Venkatesiya reported as completed when they were not, and to delay in payment of money to the contractors.
-do-	3 - Relates to the levy of an illegal commission from one of the municipal contractors
-do-	4.- Relates to unsatisfactory work in connection with a box-drain in Davangere.
-do-	5 - Relates to some payments made without recording details as to how the said lump-sums were arrived at.

4. As regards the first two charges, both the Deputy Commissioner and Mr. Venkatesiya are equally blame-worthy in issuing cheques for works which had not been completed. Mr. Venkatesiya did, no doubt, exert his best to complete the works before the close of the official year, as promised by him, but the progress seems to have suffered mainly by the subsequent advent of plague. Mr. Venkatesiya should, however, have brought the change of circumstances to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner in reasonable time. But he failed to do so in spite of repeated reminders.

5. There is nothing on record to substantiate charge No.3 which relates to the levy of an illegal commission from one of the municipal contractors.

6. As regards charge No.4 relating to the box-drain constructed under the supervision of Mr. Venkatesiya the subsequent report of the Assistant Engineer Mr. Ponnappa shows that not only there were several irregularities in executing it, but also that some of the work turned out is indifferent. Mr. Venkatesiya does not deny that his supervision over it was merely superficial and that he allowed himself to be guided by the Municipal

Overseer and the Work Inspector. There is no doubt that the work was done hastily and in a perfunctory manner, for which Mr. Venkatesiya is primarily responsible. The valuation of the work as given by the Assistant Engineer at two annas and nine pies per cubic foot, is accepted, but payment made in excess thereof being recovered from Mr. Venkatesiya.

7. As regards charge No.5 which relates to lump-sum payments amounting to Rs.179, Mr. Venkatesiya's explanation that he satisfied himself before making payments, and that the items of works for which they were made were duly executed is accepted.

8. As regards the punishment to be awarded in this case, the Government are of opinion that his neglect of the various calls for information received from his superior officer from time to time, his failure to realize the necessity of keeping the Deputy Commissioner informed of the progress of the works, and his very unsatisfactory conduct with reference to the box-drain deserve some notice. Government are, therefore, pleased to direct that he be placed below Mr. M. Krishna Rao in the list of Amildars, and that his absence after the expiry of the privilege leave granted to him, be treated as one on such leave as he may be entitled to under the Service Regulations.

9. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja take this opportunity for impressing on the minds of the all

officers that the practice of issuing cheques before works are completed, is extremely objectionable, and that it will meet with the severest displeasure of the Government.

Secretary.

To

The Revenue Commissioner in [illegible]

The Deputy Commissioner, Chitraldurg District, returning enclosures

The Comptroller to the Government of India the Marwara of Jaipur

" Precedents of the several Municipal and District Boards under the exemption para 8 of the Rules of the Board

" Vice President of the Kolar Municipal Board

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